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would be all Folmar willing will pay for Elba again, furnishing prosecuting attorneys for city cases in District Court.

The council voted to accept the check but to notify Folmar, in writing, that the council has not necessarily agreed to his proposed arrangement.

Mayor Ricky Haywood voted against accepting the check and suggested the city should send Folmar a bill for \$6135, which is the difference in the amount paid to City Attorney Mark Vaughan and the \$609.75.

Problems with manhole covers on the highways resurfaced recently have not been resolved. Haywood told council members. He reported meeting with highway department and contractor representatives on the matter and would report back when something developed.

include cases where ISS was charging for pick up and the city was also. Under the contract, large commercial customers may rent containers from ISS, but the collection fee is collected by Elba.

The council voted to buy three flood control gates at a cost of \$2740. These are needed to replace broken gates.

Haywood reported the Corp of Engineers was responsible for this and will not reimburse the cost if Elba insulates the new gates. However the mayor (and council) felt it would be unsafe to wait on the Corp with the spring rainy season just around the corner.

Electric Supervisor Jeff Puckett reported to the council that the major power outage Monday was caused by a contractor doing some work for the state highway department near Beaver Dam Creek on Highway 84. Puckett said he was going to get with engineers and work out a new pole and wiring design to eliminate such long power outages.

The Corp utility department were nice enough to help out. Puckett said, or the Monday outage would have been longer.

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## TWO

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he and City Clerk Henry Clark had with ISS representatives in an effort to resolve the matter.

Agreements were reached, according to both Vaughan and Clark. However a letter received this week from ISS tells a different story.

They are requesting \$33,000 in back tipping fees for the dumping of commercial garbage picked up in

Elba. Following a lengthy discussion, Brunson made a motion to start paying the tipping fees as spelled out in the contract, providing ISS comply with other provisions in the contract and deny the \$33,000 in back charges. A letter will be written to several commercial accounts affected by the contract problems. These problems

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ONE MAN WAS KILLED in this two car head-on accident last Wednesday evening in New Brockton at about 8:30. The fatality, Gordon Bruce Barber, age 47, of New Brockton was the lone occupant of a small car traveling South on Highway 122, near the New Brockton elementary school. His car collided head on with a 1979 Chevrolet driven by Jackie Allums, also of New Brockton. In the car with Mrs. Allums was her teenage son and a classmate of his. They were reportedly returning from a Jr. High basketball game at the time of the accident. Mrs. Allums suffered a broken leg and a severe cut on the other leg. All three injury victims were taken to the Enterprise Medical Center and Mrs. Allums was later transferred to Dothan. The youths were reportedly released from the hospital after an overnight stay. The accident is being investigated by the New Brockton Police Department. They were assisted at the scene by State Trooper R. W. Whitworth, Sheriff Mickey Counts and several deputies and the New Brockton Fire Department as well as both the Enterprise and New Brockton Rescue Squads.

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"No discrepancies were noted in the audit report for any of the schools. You, your principals, and your local school accounting personnel are to be commended for this effort."

The state department also accept the annual budget passed by the local board and classified it as "excellent."

Pearce reported that the sale of the property on the 203 Bypass has been completed and "the money is in the bank."

Part of this money will be used to complete concession stands for the baseball and softball fields.

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## Voices of Beulah Choir to celebrate Anniversary

The Voices of Beulah will be celebrating their choir anniversary Sunday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Beulah Missionary Baptist Church.

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**Elba's Christmas Family**  
the Robert Curran Family  
Robbie and Debbie standing  
Matthey, age 8, Merrill, age 4, and Jason, age 10  
sitting, with the older two reading  
Christmas stories aloud to their younger brother



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

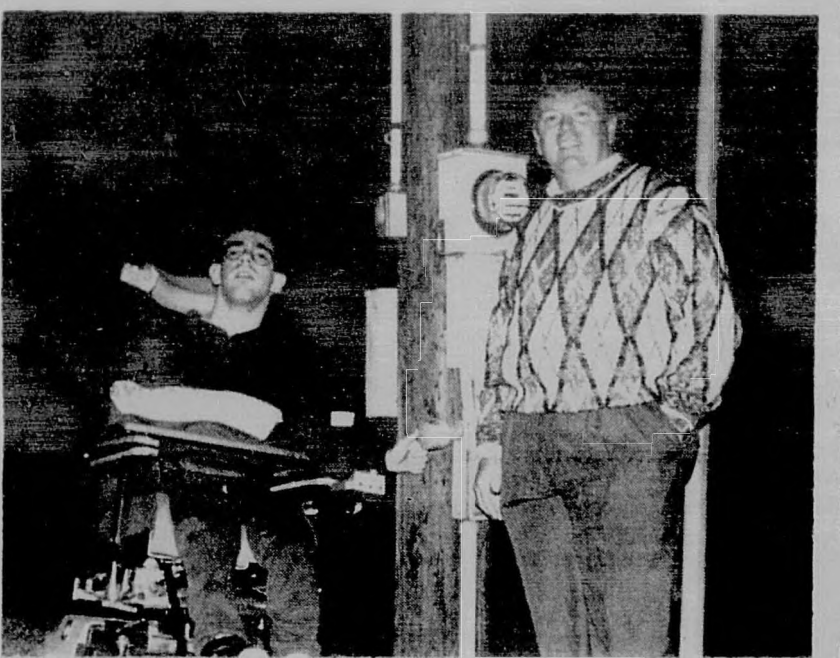
At times it is easy to express criticism of the Elba Rescue Squad. Volunteers all are living their life but stopping to help their fellow man when called. Before voicing bad words about this group, first justify (to yourself) why you are not one of them. We have served on the local squad, and know it isn't for everyone. Then listen to a police scanner on nights like Sunday night. Beginning with the 2 a.m. call to the bad wreck, we don't think they stopped until sometime after the sun was high. We went back to sleep after the wreck but were at the office about 6 the next morning. The cracking on the police radio indicated that an Elba rescue ambulance was coming back into town from New Brockton way after completing a call. Another was heading North up the Troy highway on another extreme emergency run. Those on the first run responded to a request for additional help on the second run, without even stopping at the rescue building! All this is done freely and without any financial gain to the individuals. In fact, it cost money to serve on the rescue squad ... schooling, torn or soiled clothing, time lost from family and work, etc. We suggest that each one of our readers make a special effort to thank the members of any rescue squad if our dear friends see them at an emergency or walking around with a rescue emblem on their clothing.

In case you are interested, there is still no agreement which would end the baseball strike. They keep setting deadline after deadline ... and then unsetting them. Ho hum.

We read an article by some national "expert" who said Americans were going to have to end the current love affair with lawsuits. That was the first time we had heard the American rash of suing everyone about everything called a "love affair" but it is a good comparison. It ain't just the lawyers either, every case which goes to trial is decided by a jury of 12 of our common folks. Hardly a week goes by without someone complaining of the case of the woman who sued (and collected) after she spilled a cup of hot coffee on her legs ... a cup she was holding between her legs as she drove her car.

This is meddling in religion but ... Israeli rabbis recently decided a couple's 1982 marriage is illegal. Now these two folks did everything in their power to be proper but 2500 years ago ... yes, twenty-five hundred years ago, a very distant ancestor is rumored to have violated Church law by marrying a divorcee. That is in 580 B.C. That is foolish religion in our thinking as each and every human on this earth has something in our lineage between the present and 580 years before the birth of Christ that could disqualify us for sainthood under those guidelines. Say and believe as you wish, but personally we don't hold you accountable even for the actions of your parents, and surely not for something a 100 generations removed. Nor do we need to hear bible quotes about punishing the children for the father's sins because that doesn't say the folks on this earth will do the punishing. Also be ready to balance any arguments with "Vengeance is mine."

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night! Ain't life grand.



IT'S OFFICIAL...the Christmas Holiday Celebration can begin! Pictured above are Ryan Ward (left) and Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood as Ryan turned on the Christmas lights in Downtown Elba signifying the "official" beginning of the Christmas Celebration. The event took place Tuesday night, December 13th, shortly before the Christmas parade began. The ceremony was scheduled for Saturday evening, December 10, during the Christmas Festival, but the parade and lighting ceremony had to be re-scheduled due to the weather. Better late than never!

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

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## Elba's Christmas Family

The Robert Curran family of Elba is the 1994 Elba Christmas Family.

Robbie is an in import from Columbus, GA, and Debbie is the product of a distinguished, pioneer Coffee County family, the daughter of Albert and Patsy Lee.

Robbie teaches special ed students at Hillcrest Elementary in Enterprise. Debbie is a nutritionist with the Alabama Health Department WIC program.

The family attend the First United Methodist Church, two blocks from their home, one of the oldest houses in Elba.

## Flin-flam type theft occurs in county

by Marvin Melwain  
Editor

Thieves posing as carpet salesmen robbed an elderly couple in the Perry Store Community last Thursday.

On Thursday, December 15, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department received a report of a theft at a residence in Southwest Coffee County (Perry Store Community).

In the reported theft, an undisclosed amount of money was taken from an elderly couple's home.

The couple was approached by at least two white men under the pretense of the individuals being carpet salesmen.

The individuals told the couple that they had some damaged carpet that they wanted to give them.

While showing the couple the carpet in one room of the home, another individual entered another room and removed the money and cut the couple's telephone line.

At the time of the news release, authorities had no further description of the perpetrators. The two men were reportedly driving a white car.

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department urges everyone to use caution before allowing strangers to enter their home.

Anyone having any information about this crime or has had any contact with person(s) selling and giving away carpet should contact the sheriff's department at 894-6200 or CrimeStoppers at 894-5555.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of December 13, 1994 through December 18, 1994.

They were: Mary Griggs, Leola Mitchell, Lewis McInnis, Ervin Blackmon, Lillian Whitehead, Annise Coleman, Gerald Eubanks, Johnny Wilson, Johnny Culver, Mary Lou Kelley, Matthew Nelson, Rufus Money, Dorothy Williams, and Ashley Carley.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Talitha Gay, J. D. Cook, Ludene Klein, B. M. Fuller, Exa Driggers, Harold Kelley, Ella Bennett, Travis Magwood, Lewis McInnis, William Davidson, Mary Griggs, Robert Pouncey, John Taylor, John Tyre, Ervin Blackmon, Zedie Bouyer, James D. Maddox, Gerald Eubanks, and Leola Mitchell.

## Bulletin Board

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CLUBBIE 1:00-7:25-1213  
ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - 1st Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 6:15 p.m. City Hall  
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon 5:15 p.m. City Hall (after City Council meeting)  
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center  
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. - Sup. Office  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building  
MASONIC LODGE 178 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - Base Room @ Elba High School  
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 1:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5851  
COFFEE COUNTY CO-OPERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House  
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise  
ALBANY ATHLETIC - 1st Tuesday 12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room  
AARP Meet every 1st Tuesday night of the month  
CIVIL AIR PATROL Every Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba Airport-Diesel hangar.

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**TRACTOR-TRAILER AND CAR COLLISION**...sends three Elba men to the hospital. Shortly before 2:00 a.m. Monday morning, a small compact car occupied by three men collided with a Dorsey trailer at the intersection of AL Hwy. 203 (by-pass) and Dr. Martin Luther King Drive (Taylor Mill Road). The car being driven by Bryce Phillips was traveling west on MLK Dr. when it went through the intersection striking a passing Dorsey trailer being pulled out of town for delivery to a customer. The tractor-trailer was traveling north on AL Hwy. 203. Phillips, age 19, of Carver Drive, Elba, AL, was removed from the wreckage and taken to Elba General Hospital by a unit of the Elba Rescue Squad. He had severe head injuries along with numerous other injuries. A front-seat passenger, Jamie Brockton, age 20, of 452 Smith Avenue, Elba, AL, was also taken to the hospital by the rescue squad. Brockton sustained injuries to his head and legs. The third man, William Magwood, age 20, of 262 Jackson Street, Elba, AL, was reportedly asleep in the back seat when the crash occurred. He was taken to the hospital by private vehicle where he was treated for minor injuries and later released. Phillips and Brockton were both air lifted to a Dothan hospital by a M.A.S.T. helicopter from Ft. Rucker. Phillips remains in critical condition while Brockton is listed as being in satisfactory condition. The accident is being investigated by the Elba Police Department.

## ELBA POLICE REPORT

DECEMBER 13 THRU DECEMBER 19, 1994

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, December 13, 1994, investigated the following incidents: three harassing communications, three harassments, one forger, one VPL, three DUIs, and two criminal mischiefs.

The following arrests were made: two for DUI, one for VPL, two for harassing communication, one for assault.

The following traffic citations were issued: six for speeding, one for failure to dim, three for an expired tag, one for driving without a driver's license, one for no tag, one for driving while driver's license is suspended, and three for illegally parking in a handicap zone.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13** - River stage 6:40 feet (7:03 a.m.); Wreck on Jackson St. (7:26 a.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14** - River stage 6:35 feet (6:35 a.m.); Shots fired on U.S. Hwy. 84E (5:00 p.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15** - Alarm at a residence on Adkinson St. (5:40 a.m.); River stage 6:25 feet (7:05 a.m.); Wreck at the school (7:20 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Taylor Mill Road (12:28 p.m.); Disturbance on West St. (10:17 p.m.); Prowler reported on Ann St. (10:52 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16** - Alarm at Nasco (1:00 a.m.); Wreck in the Dorsey parking lot (1:20 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Guyton St. (3:05 a.m.); River stage 5:00 feet (7:22 a.m.); Rescue run to Burch's Trailer Court on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (9:52 a.m.); Subject reported with a gun on Reynolds St. (10:26 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17** - Prowler reported on Thomas St. (1:02 a.m.); River stage - 5:70 feet (6:50 a.m.); Disturbance/light at Cole's residence (11:29 a.m.); Disturbance/light on Caroline St. (5:26 p.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on Caroline St. (7:04 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18** - Prowler reported at Powell's Trailer Park on Caroline St. (12:57 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Reynolds St. (1:46 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Cedar Lane Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5:58 feet (6:38 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 206 (1:05 p.m.).

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**75TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**...The family of A.C. and Elizabeth Brunson met December 18, 1994 at the home of Greg and Jennifer Brunson to celebrate Mrs. Brunson's 75th birthday. Those attending were A.C. Brunson Sr. (husband of 60 years), A.C. Jr. (Buddy), Betty Brunson of Elba, AL, and Art Brunson of Birmingham, AL; Suzy, Keith and Blake Maddox of Jonesboro, Georgia; Vickie and Buddy English, Beth, Bo and Victoria McKenzie of Decatur, AL; Winston, Dee, David and Michael Brunson, Lynn and Bunch Otto all of Enterprise, AL; Greg, Jennifer, Chris and Allison Brunson of Elba, AL.

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## AREA DEATHS

### IRVIN BLACKMON

Irvin Blackmon, age 77 of Elba, Alabama, died Saturday, December 17, 1994 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 19, 1994 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Campbell Sasser officiating.

Burial followed in the Shiloh Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three daughters, Annie Jo Boswell of Laverne, AL, Virginia Berry of Elba, AL, and Carolyn Crumpler of Brundidge, AL; 7 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren.

EUGENE CLEO GRIFFIN

Eugene Cleo Griffin, age 91 of Elba, Alabama, died Wednesday, December 14, 1994 in an Elba, AL nursing home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 16, 1994 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. John Bryan officiating.

Burial followed in the Danley Cross Roads Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter, Sue King of Elba, AL; four sons, Floyd Griffin of Baker, Florida, Tom Griffin of Olympia, Washington, Harvey Griffin and Jerry Griffin, both of Dothan, AL; a sister, Thelma Clark of Phenix City, AL; a brother, Theron Griffin of Brundage, AL; 7 grandchildren; three great grandchildren.

### RUFUS LEE JOHNSON

Rufus Lee Johnson, age 78 of Elba, Alabama, died Friday, December 16, 1994 in an Elba, AL nursing home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 18, 1994 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Tony Dye and Rev. Johnny Padalino officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Pastine Moore Johnson of Elba, AL; three sons, Ann Miller, Betty Brunson, and Shirley Henderson, all of Elba, AL; one son, Leo Johnson of Elba, AL; 9 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren.

## WE GET LETTERS

Letter to the Editor:

As past Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce I would like to offer some suggested "Do's and Don'ts" to current and future Chamber of Commerce board members.

Do: Realize that you represent all the members of the Chamber and that, because of this, you have a responsibility to be present at the monthly meetings in order to conduct routine business.

Do: Remove that part of the job description of the Director that pertains to chairmanship of the Christmas Festival committee. This requirement is a prescription for failure for any director because it's impossible to keep all the people happy all the time. You are the sponsor of this event, accept more of the responsibility.

Do: Honor your word when you make a commitment.

Don't: Allow other duties to interfere with your attendance at meetings immediately preceding the Christmas Festival. This is the largest city-wide function sponsored by the Chamber and is deserving of your attention.

Don't: Fire any more directors without giving at least the common courtesy of telling them precisely why. Had you acted even semi-professionally you would have openly discussed any problems with your director, however, this did not happen.

My thanks again to the volunteers and entertainers that worked so hard toward a successful Christmas Festival. It was my observation that you cared more than most of the current board members.

Very truly yours,  
Treva M. Driscoll,  
Executive Director

The Students  
Elba Elementary School  
Elba, AL 36323

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the people of the City of Elba, I would like to thank you for your participation and support in decorating our Christmas tree at City Hall. We are grateful that there are people such as you in our city who are willing to undertake projects such as this.

Mr. Dale Crowe offered the service of his students to assist us in decorating our Christmas tree. We are grateful for the participation of our school system in endeavors such as this one. Once again, thank you for your help. We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
Ricky Haywood  
Mayor

Dear Editor:

The Alabama Republican Party will host the Inaugural Celebration on the evening of the swearing in of Governor Bob James.

The black tie event will be held at the Montgomery Civic Center on Monday, January 16 and will begin at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be available from Republican State Headquarters in Birmingham. The cost will be \$100.00 per person.

After the dinner there will be celebrating and dancing until midnight.

For ticket information, call Republican State Headquarters at (205) 324-1990.

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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

At times it is easy to express criticism of the Elba Rescue Squad. Volunteers all, they are living their life but stopping to help their fellow man when called. Before voicing bad words about this group, first justify (to yourself) why you are not one of them. We have served on the local squad and know it isn't for everyone. Then listen to a police scanner on nights like Sunday night. Beginning with the 2 a.m. call to the bad wreck, we don't think they stopped until sometime after the sun was high. We went back to sleep after the wreck but were at the office about 6 the next morning. The crackling on the police radio indicated that an Elba rescue ambulance was coming back into town from New Brockton way after completing a call. Another was heading North up the Troy highway on another extreme emergency run. Those on the first run responded to a request for additional help on the second run, without even stopping at the rescue building! All this is done freely and without any financial gain to the individuals. In fact, it cost money to serve on the rescue squad... schooling, torn or soiled clothing, time lost from family and work, etc. We suggest that each one of our readers make a special effort to thank the members of any rescue squad if our dear friends see them at an emergency or walking around with a rescue emblem on their clothing.

In case you are interested, there is still no agreement which would end the baseball strike. They keep setting deadline after deadline... and then unsetting them. Ho hum.

We read an article by some national "expert" who said Americans were going to have to end the current love affair with lawsuits. That was the first time we had heard the American rash of suing everyone about everything called a "love affair" but it is a good comparison. It ain't just the lawyers either, every case which goes to trial is decided by a jury of 12 of us common folks. Hardly a week goes by without someone complaining of the case of the woman who sued (and collected) after she spilled a cup of hot coffee on her legs... a cup she was holding between her legs as she drove her car.

This is meddling in religion but... Israeli rabbis recently decided a couple's 1982 marriage is illegal. Now these two folks did everything in their power to be proper but 2500 years ago... yes, twenty-five hundred years ago, a very distant ancestor is rumored to have violated Church law by marrying a divorcee. This was in 580 B.C. That is foolish religion in our thinking as each and every human on this earth has something in our lineage between the present and 580 years before the birth of Christ that could disqualify us for sainthood under these guidelines. Say and believe as you wish, but personally we don't hold you accountable even for the actions of your parents, and surely not for something a 100 generations removed. Nor do we need to hear bible quotes about punishing the children for the father's sins because that doesn't say the folks on this earth will do the punishing. Also be ready to balance any arguments with "Vengeance is mine..."

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night! Ain't life grand.



IT'S OFFICIAL...the Christmas Holiday Celebration can begin! Pictured above are Ryan Ward (left) and Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood as Ryan turned on the Christmas lights in Downtown Elba signifying the "official" beginning of the Christmas Celebration. The event took place Tuesday night, December 13th, shortly before the Christmas parade began. The ceremony was scheduled for Saturday evening, December 10, during the Christmas Festival, but the parade and lighting ceremony had to be re-scheduled due to the weather. Better late than never!

## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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## Elba's Christmas Family

The Robert Curran family of Elba is the 1994 Elba Christmas family.

Robbie is an import from Columbus, GA, and Debbie is the product of a distinguished, pioneer Coffee County family, the daughter of Albert and Patsy Lee.

Robbie teaches special ed students at Hillcrest Elementary in Enterprise. Debbie is a nutritionist with the Alabama Health Department WIC program.

The family attend the First United Methodist Church, two blocks from their home, one of the oldest houses in Elba.



**TRACTOR-TRAILER AND CAR COLLISION**...sends three Elba men to the hospital. Shortly before 2:00 a.m. Monday morning, a small compact car occupied by three men collided with a Dorsey trailer at the intersection of AL Hwy. 203 (by-pass) and Dr. Martin Luther King Drive (Taylor Mill Road). The car being driven by Bryce Phillips was traveling west on MLK Dr. when it went through the intersection striking a passing Dorsey trailer being pulled out of town for delivery to a customer. The tractor-trailer was traveling north on AL Hwy. 203, Phillips, age 19, of Carver Drive, Elba, AL, was removed from the wreckage and taken to Elba General Hospital by a unit of the Elba Rescue Squad. He had severe head injuries along with numerous other injuries. A front-seat passenger, Jamie Brockton, age 20, of 452 Smith Avenue, Elba, AL, was also taken to the hospital by the rescue squad. Brockton sustained injuries to his head and legs. The third man, William Magwood, age 20, of 262 Jackson Street, Elba, AL, was reportedly asleep in the back seat when the crash occurred. He was taken to the hospital by private vehicle where he was treated for minor injuries and later released. Phillips and Brockton were both air lifted to a Dothan hospital by a M.A.S.T. helicopter from Ft. Rucker. Phillips remains in critical condition while Brockton is listed as being in satisfactory condition. The accident is being investigated by the Elba Police Department.

## ELBA POLICE REPORT

DECEMBER 13 THRU DECEMBER 19, 1994

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, December 13, 1994, investigated the following incidents: three harassing communications, three harassments, one forgery, one VPL, three DUIs, and two criminal mischiefs.

The following arrests were made: two for DUI, one for VPL, two for harassing communication, one for assault.

The following traffic citations were issued: six for speeding, one for failure to dim, three for an expired tag, one for driving without a driver's license, one for no tag, one for driving while driver's license is suspended, and three for illegally parking in a handicap zone.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13** - River stage 6:40 feet (7:03 a.m.); Wreck on Jackson St. (7:26 a.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14** - River stage 6:35 feet (6:35 a.m.); Shots fired on U.S. Hwy. 84E (5:00 p.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15** - Alarm at residence on Adams St. (5:40 a.m.); River stage 6:25 feet (7:05 a.m.); Wreck at the school (7:20 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Taylor Mill Road (12:28 p.m.); Disturbance on West St. (10:17 p.m.); Prowler reported on Ann St. (10:52 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16** - Alarm at Nasco (1:00 a.m.); Wreck in the Dorsey parking lot (1:20 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Guyton St. (3:05 a.m.); River stage 5:00 feet (3:22 a.m.); Rescue run to Burch's Trailer Court on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (9:22 a.m.); Subject reported with a gun on Reynolds St. (10:26 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17** - Prowler reported on Thomas St. (1:02 a.m.); River stage - 5.70 feet (6:50 a.m.); Disturbance/fight at Cole's residence (11:29 a.m.); Disturbance/fight on Caroline St. (5:26 p.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on Caroline St. (7:04 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18** - Prowler reported at Powell's Trailer Park on Caroline St. (12:57 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Reynolds St. (1:46 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Cedar Lane Dr. (2:31 a.m.); River stage - 5.58 feet (6:38 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 206 (1:05 p.m.).

## Bulletin Board

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ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:15 p.m. City Hall  
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. 5:15 p.m. - City Hall (after City Council meeting)  
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center  
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 3:30 p.m. - Supp. Office  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building  
MASSONIC LODGE 178 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - Elba High School  
BAND BOOSTERS - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School  
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858  
COFFEE COUNTY COORDINATORS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House  
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise  
AIRPORT AUTHORITY 1st Tuesday-12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room  
AARP Meet every 3rd Tuesday night of the month  
CIVIL AIR PATROL Every Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba Airport Detachment hangar.

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**75TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**...The family of A.C. and Elizabeth Brunson met December 18, 1994 at the home of Greg and Jennifer Brunson to celebrate Mrs. Brunson's 75th birthday. Those attending were A.C. Brunson Sr. (husband of 60 years), A.C. Jr. (Buddy), Betty Brunson of Elba, AL, and Art Brunson of Birmingham, AL; Suzy, Keith and Blake Maddox of Jonesboro, Georgia; Vickie and Buddy English, Beth, Bo and Victoria McKenzie of Decatur, AL; Winston, Dee, David and Michael Brunson, Lynn and Bunch Otto all of Enterprise, AL; Greg, Jennifer, Chris and Allison Brunson of Elba, AL.

## Bud Goodson honored on 82nd birthday

On Saturday night, the 10th of December, a group gathered at Judy's Log Cabin Restaurant in New

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## AREA DEATHS

### IRVIN BLACKMON

Irvin Blackmon, age 77 of Elba, Alabama, died Saturday, December 17, 1994 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 19, 1994 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Campbell Sasser officiating.

Burial followed in the Shiloh Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three daughters, Annie Jo Boswell of Luverne, AL, Virginia Berry of Elba, AL, and Carolyn Crumpler of Brundidge, AL; 7 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren.

**EUGENE CLEO GRIFFIN**  
Eugene Cleo Griffin, age 91 of Elba, Alabama, died Wednesday, December 14, 1994 in an Elba, AL nursing home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 16, 1994 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. John Bryan officiating.

Burial followed in the Danley Cross Roads Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter, Sue King of Elba, AL; four sons, Floyd Griffin of Baker, Florida, Tom Griffin of Olympia, Washington, Harvey Griffin and Jerry Griffin, both of Dothan, AL; a sister, Thelma Clark of Phenix City, AL; a brother, Theron Griffin of Brantley, AL; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren.

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Survivors include his wife, Pastime Moore Johnson of Elba, AL; three sons, Ann Miller, Betty Brunson, and Shirley Henderson, all of Elba, AL; one son, Leo Johnson of Elba, AL; 9 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren.

## WE GET LETTERS

Letter to the Editor:

As past Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce I would like to offer some suggested "Do's and Don'ts" to current and future Chamber of Commerce board members.

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**Do:** Remove that part of the job description of the Director that pertains to chairmanship of the Christmas Festival committee. This requirement is a prescription for failure for any director because it's impossible to keep all the people happy all the time. You are the sponsor of this event, accept more of the responsibility.

**Do:** Honor your word when you make a commitment.

**Don't:** Allow other duties to interfere with your attendance at meetings immediately preceding the Christmas Festival. This is the largest city-wide function sponsored by the Chamber and is deserving of your attention.

**Don't:** Fire any more directors without giving at least the common courtesy of telling them precisely why. Had you acted even semi-professionally you would have openly discussed any problems with your director, however, this did not happen.

My thanks again to the volunteers and entrepreneurs that worked so hard toward a successful Christmas Festival. It was my observation that you cared more than most of the current board members.

**Very truly yours,**  
Treva M. Driscoll,  
Executive Director

**The Students**  
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Elba, AL 36323

**Dear Friends:**

On behalf of the people of the City of Elba, I would like to thank you for your participation and support in decorating our Christmas tree at City Hall. We are grateful that there are people such as you in our city who are willing to undertake projects such as this.

Mr. Dale Crowe offered the services of his students to assist us in decorating our Christmas tree. We are grateful for the participation of our school system in endeavors such as this one. Once again, thank you for your help. We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
Ricky Haywood  
Mayor

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## EHS Seniors of '95 Write Santa Letters

### Tiger Tales

Editor:  
Elena Strong  
Co-Editor:  
Patrick Scarborough

### TIGER TALK... by Jonathan Ross

If a student at Elba High School had been asked what they think of when they hear the name Ramey Bryan, Santa Claus would not have been the answer. During the Christmas Festival December 10, however, the answers changed. Ramey, a senior at EHS, donned a beard and a red costume to listen to the Christmas wishes of children on the square. The Yearbook Staff raised money by taking pictures of "Ramey Claus" with the children at the Christmas Festival. I talked with Ramey and got his feelings on becoming Santa.

**Tiger Talk:** "Did you enjoy working with the kids on the square?"

**Ramey:** "Some of them were really funny and excited and some of them seemed too little for me to hold on to. I was scared of dropping the babies."

**Tiger Talk:** "Did anyone recognize you in the Santa outfit?"

**Ramey:** "Several children did recognize me. Even the little ones I knew looked at me funny."

**Tiger Talk:** "What is the one thing you will remember from your experience as Santa Claus?"

**Ramey:** "It makes me have respect for the other Santas out there. I'll remember the great feeling of being kind of famous."

Ramey's adventure as Santa Claus proved to be a great success. Many chil-



dren were given the opportunity to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas and get their pictures made with Old St. Nick. Many high school students also took this opportunity to have their picture made with the famous "Ramey Claus." On behalf of the Yearbook Staff, I would like to thank Ramey for his generosity and for being a good sport. Tiger Talk thanks Ramey for his time given towards this article and wishes "Ramey Claus" a very Merry Christmas!

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Tammie Knight

Santa,

What's up? All I want for Christmas is Mary J. Blige, Tony Braxton, and for Dial to stop wearing that Kings jersey.

Hennis Washington

Santa,

Please let me be cast as lead female in Brad Pitt's next movie. If that's not possible, I will settle for a Honda Accord.

Love, Mary Stephens

Santa,

Please bring me \$1,000 so I can go music shopping.

Love, Ramey Bryan

Santa,

Please bring me a gas credit card with endless credit, a new BB gun, a red Radio Flyer wagon, and lots of surprises.

Love, Che Vaughan

Santa,

Please give me the opportunity to play division I college football.

Love, Bo Boyd

Santa,

I want joy, peace, love, and happiness to fill the earth, and people to worry more about satisfying God than themselves.

Sincerely, Tanya Walker

Santa,

Please send me the following: Talking Barbie, panties for A.S., Power Ranger Action Figures, and please let me make at least all D's on my next report card.

Mandy Pope

Santa,

I want a car, diamond necklace, some money to buy clothes and a scholarship to the University of Alabama.

Love, Missy McDaniel

Santa,

I want my family and true friends to have good health and happiness. I also want my goals and dreams to become a reality.

ShaKeitha Williams

Santa,

What I want most is for my baby to be born during the holidays. I also want a Sega Genesis and a Plymouth Dodge Neon.

Always, Malinda Tyson

Santa,

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Richard Glover

Santa,

For Christmas this year I'm "expecting" a big surprise in my driveway with keys attached. Don't forget the huge red bow.

Penny Morrow

Santa,

I don't want much for Christmas this year, except to let some very special people know just how much I appreciate them and their love.

Your friend, Angela Sauls

Santa,

My Dad says it never hurts to want, but I don't think you can fit all I want down the chimney. I'll just leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Jill Dunn

Santa,

I would like for things to go well in the future for Jason and myself. And my friend's boyfriend's ex-girlfriend to brown her hair.

Love always, Melissa Sorrells

Santa,

I want plenty of money so I can pay off my car and quit working! Also, I need a scholarship. Please!

Thanks, Heather Lawford

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Sincerely, Onchelle Lawrence

Santa,

What happened to the Lexus I asked for last year? Anyway, all I want this year is Deion Sanders and a chocolate cheesecake.

Love, Shea Ward

Santa,

I want an unlimited supply of Goody Powders, Cliff's Notes, and erasers. Please give Mrs. Calhoun a special gift for being nice about my overdue library books.

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Dear Santa,

All I want is a red 1993 Escort with white interior, a telephone, a tape deck, stereo, clothes, and a keyboard.

Love, Cathryn Carpenter

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Karla Barnes

Santa,

I have been extremely good this year. I want a scholarship, money, and for everyone to be in good health and have a Merry Christmas.

Annie Austin

Dear Santa,

I want to grow 7 inches. If you can't get this I would like a CD player for my car and lots of surprises.

Please, Cary Clark

Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a GI Joe with the Kungfu grip and for Janet Jackson to come to her sense and realize that she loves me.

Alfred Purvis

Santa,

I want the world to be happy. I also want to wish the Rodgers, Hills, Underwoods, Stoudemires, and Alfred a Merry Christmas.

Gayshla

Dear Santa Claus,

Being the loving person that I am, I would like my whole family at home on Christmas day. I would like a box of love.

Demetrius Williams

Dear Santa,

I want lots and lots and lots of surprises. Oh! and one last thing, a big buck killed by me over the holidays.

Your pal, Dusty

Dear Santa,

I want at least a 30 ACT score and a scholarship to Samford University. It will be greatly appreciated.

Humbly pleading, Jonathan Ross

Dear Santa,

The main thing I want is the security of a Stillman or ASU scholarship. If I receive either of the two, I'll be most grateful.

Tiffanie Burks

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a new brain so I can make an "A" in Advanced English.

Love, Carrie Bradley

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a toothbrush, toothpaste, and deodorant.

Ronald Price

Dear Santa,

I may be asking for a miracle, but I want to graduate with the class of '95.

Donan Boswell

Dear Santa,

I want a green 1995 Mustang! I also want a pair of shoes, lots of clothes, and a check from Publishers Clearing House for \$100,000,000!

Stephen Knighten

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is for May 31, 1995, to soon come. Other than that, I will be happy with anything.

Love ya, Alesha Nunn

Dear Santa,

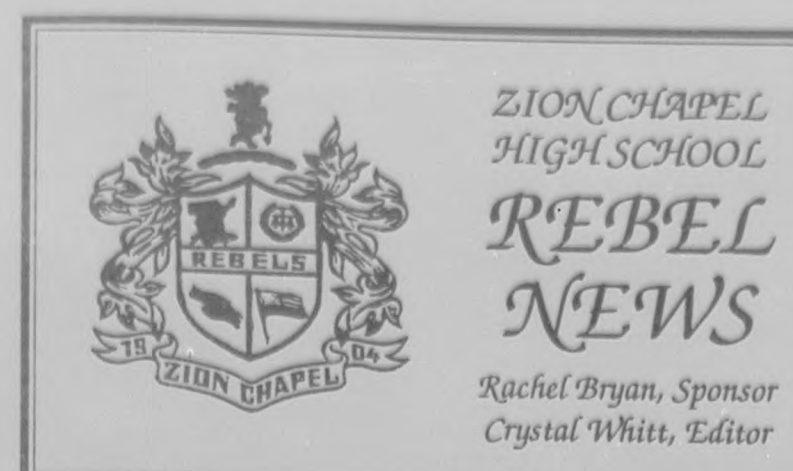
All I want for Christmas is to pass the ASVAB, join the Air Force, and make it through basics.

Sincerely, Jennifer Childress

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a CD player for my car, a watch, and clothes. I would also like some sleep, spare time, and money for post-graduation trips.

Love, Elena Strong



## More Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

I would like my own private shopping mall. Then I could wear a different outfit everyday for many years, eat what I want, and make all my friends very jealous. Please let there also be a camouflage store for Kevin and Grady, and a sports plex for me and my close friends.

Kemberly Moran

Dear Santa,

Let me get right to the point. I want \$1,000,000 by Christmas Eve if you ever want to see Rudolph again.

Brent Smith

Dear Santa,

One thing I want for Christmas is to understand Macbeth and make a good grade on the exam. Oh, add an extra million dollars to Brent's ransom note for me. P.S. Watch out for the grandmas crossing the road.

Chris Henley

Dear Santa,

I would ask for some special weight loss product, but you obviously don't have any. So, if you could manage to get me a new car and some money, I'm sure I'll be happy. Oh yeah, send Terry Howden some more Kleenex—he's all out.

Angie Davis

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is the ability to understand Macbeth so I can graduate. I also need a good stable mind because I have just about gone crazy trying to learn it so far. By the way, please, please, please let me graduate.

Melissa Jones

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is for all my family members to get along with each other. I want them to enjoy what Christmas is all about, and so have a Happy Christmas.

Pamela Bell

Dear Santa,

I would like a small black 400 bored 40 over with a 11:1 compression ratio. I would like a super charger with two 750 dual line double pumps. With camel back 202 heads. I would like this along with a candy apple red paint job to go on my 1956 Chevy.

Chris Jacobs

Dear Santa,

I want a million dollars to buy what I want. I want to have a new life. I want a new car that is paid for. I want a stocking filled to the top with chewing gum.

Patrick Richards

Dear Santa,

I would like a new 1995 Dodge 4x4 with a wrench on the front and extended cab. Then I would like a good looking maid to keep my room and have clean, dominant make with two 750 dual line double pumps. I would like for it to have a mega blower with 202 cammed bump heads shaved 70,000, bored 60 over with forged 12:1 pistons.

Calvin Faircloth

Dear Santa,

I wish to graduate with as much hair as I started school with this year. May everyone be warm and loved at this time of year.

Greg McWaters

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is for all the little people to grow up and be like Mike! I would especially like you to sprinkle some of your fairy dust (you know the stuff you use to get your belly down the chimney) over the ZC Girl's Basketball Team to give us a few more wins preferably one over G.W. Long.

Lisa Hodges

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Views From

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I made my final round of Christmas shopping Saturday night and was mighty tired of fighting the crowds and the traffic by the time I got home. I was even more tired after wrapping the presents, but was more than refreshed Sunday morning when Melanie got up and went screaming to her Mom about some new presents that had appeared under the tree. She wanted to call Melissa, who had spent the night with her aunt, and just couldn't take her eyes off one of the new gifts that was in a big box. Christmas shopping is a hassle; however, the joy the presents bring to the children makes it all worth while!

## ELBA TIGERS STRUGGLE AGAINST 6A FOES

The Elba Tigers moved up in class last week to battle the 6A Enterprise Wildcats and the 6A Carroll Eagles, and found the jump in classes a bit too tough as they lost twice to see their record for the young season slide to 1-2. The Tigers' lack of an experienced point guard was evident against Enterprise as the Tigers had problems with the Wildcats man-to-man pressure, while against Carroll it was simply a matter of Elba going up against a better team, and the better team won without much problem.

Despite the losses, the Tigers did have a couple of bright spots in the two games, with one being the outside shooting of Leray Smedley in the two playing with a broken arm sustained in football, hit three three-pointers in the loss to Enterprise, then against Carroll lit it up for five three-pointers en route to a big 17-point performance. Smedley's long range shooting will pay big dividends as the Tigers gain experience and get into the meat of the schedule. Another bright spot was the play of Brian Rowe, who is playing as far less than full-sprint after undergoing a knee operation during football season. Rowe battled inside against Enterprise and scored 13 points, and added 6 points in the loss to Carroll. Rowe was expected to miss the game, and the season after the severe knee injury, but has bounced back, he and Smedley probably best display the fighting spirit of this year's Elba Tiger basketball team. With the determination and spirit this team has, you just know the wins are coming!

## AREA TEAMS ENTER HOLIDAYS WITH HIGH HOPES

The holidays don't mean time off like in years past, but all the teams in the area have to be feeling good about their play during the early part of the schedule. Here's a quick look back at what has happened thus far...

**\*NEW BROCKTON (6-2)** has begun to look like the team everyone expected and last week the Gamecocks showed a lot of pride and determination as they struggled in both games before winning their own tournament. The Gamecocks had as many turnovers as points in an opening win over Red Level, but had a late run that paved the way to the win, and then against Kinston fell behind by 14-points in the second quarter, only to rally late and win by 14-points. New Brockton may be a little short in experience; however, the Gamecocks are learning on the court and are learning well.

**\*KINSTON (4-7)** showed marked improvement in the New Brockton tournament, and despite blowing a big lead in the championship game, looked much better than only a week ago. The Bulldogs battle hard on the boards and get after the ball as hard as any team around, and as their shooting improves the wins will begin to add up. Don't let the early season losses fool ya, these Bulldogs will get plenty of wins before it's all over.

**\*ZION CHAPEL (1-7)** continued to struggle to get in the win column, but at the same time continued to play well, and it's only a matter of time before the Rebels start paying some folks back. The Rebels are coming together into a very good high school team, and if they can keep their spirits up during the early learning process, they could be a team to watch late in the season.

**\*BRANTLEY (3-0)** remained unbeaten last week and began to show signs of being the team everyone expected to see this year. The Bulldogs will find out a lot more about themselves during the holidays when they compete in tournaments in Andalusia, Troy and Dothan, against much bigger teams. However, no matter how well the Bulldogs do, you know Brantley will only get better and better as the season goes.

## COLE COMES OUT OF RETIREMENT AT BROCKTON

The last time we saw Coach Charles Cole outsize in basketball was at the High School All-Star game way back in 1981, months after leading his New Brockton Gamecocks to the Alabama 2A state championship. He retired after the championship season and since has paid full attention to his post as principal at the New Brockton Elementary School. That is until this year, when Coach Cole came out of retirement to take the reins of the New Brockton Junior High 7th grade team. Cole claimed many of his wins at the junior high level in New Hope, and must feel right at home with the youngsters, as he has led the team to four straight wins without a loss. The young pushed Cole's career win total to 302, and you can bet that number will go higher and higher as the year goes along. Hey coach, it's good to have you back!

## IN CLOSING...

Elba folks are all mighty proud of North Alabama's back-to-back national championships and the play of former Tigers Ronald McKinnon and Anthony Brooks. However, here is another reason to be proud of the success of the Lions - Coach Bobby Wallace is the son-in-law of Elba's own Bill and Sue Mitchum, and is married to the former Sharon Mitchum. It certainly looks like Elba's influence on Coach Wallace and the University of North Alabama has produced nothing but dividends.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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## CITY OF ELBA

Henry Clark,  
City Clerk

## Sports

Enterprise Wildcats run  
past Elba Tigers 71-54

The Elba Tigers saw their record dip to 1-1 last Tuesday night when they were outscored by the Enterprise Wildcats 71-54, in Enterprise.

The two cross-county rivals swapped baskets for much of the opening stanza and the Tigers owned an 11-8 lead with 10:04 left in the first quarter, only to see the Wildcats score two late buckets to grab a 12-11 advantage at the end of the stanza.

Enterprise picked up its intensity on defense in the second quarter and took advantage of numerous Elba turnovers to outscore the Tigers 18-4 and stretch its lead to 30-15. Elba settled down late in the half and made a run at the Wildcats, but went in at intermission on the short end of the 35-23 score.

The Tigers rallied early in the third quarter and cut the Enterprise lead to 45-36 on a three-pointer by Brian Rowe. Neither team managed a field-goal for the remainder of the quarter, however, the Wildcats hot on 7 of 8 free-throws down the stretch and after three quarters owned a big 52-36 bulge.

Elba made several mild runs at the Wildcats in the final stanza as Leray Smedley knocked down a trio of three-pointers, but could never get any closer than nine points.

**(B GAME)**

The Elba B team dropped its second straight contest as Enterprise improved to 4-0 with a 62-36 win over the Tigers.

Paul Marsh poured in 15 points to lead the Tigers, while Wilson and Cotter both scored 12 for Enterprise.

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The three-pointers by Leray Smedley and a basket by Alfred Purvis enabled the Tigers to cut the lead to 25-17 with 5:48 left in the half, but the Eagles again reeled off six straight points to go on top 31-17, and by the end of the half had stretched their lead to 36-19.

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The 6A Eagles scored nine straight points to close the quarter and carried a big 56-30 lead into the final stanza, only to see the Tigers refuse to quit and rally behind the play of Alfred Purvis and Michael Reed to pull within 64-45 with 3:23 left on the clock.

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points, and Enterprise held on for the 71-54 win.

Brian Rowe and Leray Smedley both scored 13 points to lead Elba, and Rodney Wheeler led the Wildcats with 24 points.

EN 12 23 17 19 - 71  
EL 11 12 13 18 - 54

E'prise (71): Wheeler 24, Weeks 6, Hornsby 9, Cole 2, Lane 2, Keel 3, Lee 7, Wilkerson 8, Martin 2, White 4, Chambers 4.

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Carroll a 71-45 lead with :51 left and the Eagles cruised in with the 73-48 win.

Leray Smedley scored 17 points and drilled five three-pointers to lead Elba, while Alfred Purvis added 12 points. Jeffery Dawkins scored 34 points to lead the Eagles.

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E 9 10 11 18 - 48

Carroll (73): Young 17, Terry 7, Dawkins 34, Anderson 2, Roberts 5, Gill 2, Hargett 2, Crews 3, Smith 2.

Elba (48): Howe 6, Smedley 17, Daniels 4, Purvis 12, Reed 2, Rowe 4, Williams 3.

**(B GAME)**

The Elba B team remained winless on the young season with a 51-40 loss to Carroll.

The Tigers played well early and trailed only 20-17 at the half, but saw Carroll move out to a 35-24 lead by the end of the third quarter and coast to the win.

Sterling Jones scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Morris led Carroll with 11.

Carroll (51): Taylor 2, Steed 6, Stroud 2, Higgins 4, Morris 11, Hardy 8, Warren 1, Hixson 9, Je. Hardy 4, Walker 2, J. Taylor 2.

Elba (40): Jones 10, Daniels 4, Marsh 6, Tillis 3, Glover 1, Wilkerson 4, Silar 6, Bryan 2, Stoudemire 4.

## Brantley ranked #1 in Class 2A poll

The Alabama Sportswriters Association released its first high school "Basketball Poll" of the season last week and atop the standings...

Following are the "Top 10" in each of the six classes:

**CLASS 6A**

1-Jeff Davis; 2-Selma; 3-West End; 4-Central; 5-Phenix City; 6-LeFlore; 7-Vestavia Hills; 8-Buller; 9-Opeleka; 10-Austin.

**CLASS 5A**

1-Andalusia; 2-B.C. Rain; 3-Hillcrest; 4-Tusculossa; 4-Gadsden; 5-Ramsey; 6-Jackson-Orin; 7-Buckhorn; 8-Homewood; 9-Greenville; 10-Albertville.

**CLASS 4A**

1-Cocoa; 2-Alexandria; 3-Abbeville; 4-Leeds; 5-Montevideo; 6-Sunter County; 7-Headland; 8-Daleville; 9-Dora; 10-Munford.

**CLASS 3A**

1-Winfield; 2-Louisville; 3-R.C. Hatch; 4-Hollyville; 5-Fultondale; 6-Glenice; 7-Corner; 8-Danville; 9-South Lamar; 10-Francis Marion.

**CLASS 2A**

1-Brandt; 2-J.F. Shields; 3-Clayton; 4-Cold Springs; 5-Hazlewood; 6-Sanson; 7-Vincent; 8-Geraldine; 9-Indian Springs; 10-Norcross.

**CLASS 1A**

1-Talladega County Central; 2-Caledonia; 3-Phillips; 4-Billingsley; 5-Appalachian; 6-St. Jude; 7-Madisonville; 8-Randolph; 9-Alabama School Deaf; 10-Springwood.

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Opp took charge early and owned a 11-15 halftime lead, before coasting in with the win.

Daniel Murdock scored 9 points to lead Elba, while Hines scored 13 for Opp.

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**Elba (27):** Jordan 2, Murdock 9, Duncan 4, Stoudemire 6, Wicker 3, Mitchell 1, Dodd 2.

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Kinston's Darren Moody (15) eyes a free-throw.

New Brockton Christmas Tournament  
"All-Tournament Team"

Willie Pettway - McKenzie  
Chris Wright - Red Level  
Tracey Simmons - Red Level  
Anthony Jones - Kinston  
Jason Wambles - Kinston  
Mitchell Truitt - New Brockton  
Cedric Foster - New Brockton  
Marcus Brown - New Brockton

## SEAC tourney set Dec.27-30 in Kinston

The annual SouthEast Alabama Conference Basketball Tournament will be held next week at the Kinston High School gym, with five teams competing for the conference tournament title.

Kinston, New Brockton, Goshen, Straughn and Red Level will

compete in the annual event, while defending champion Brantley will not participate due to a scheduling conflict.

The Goshen Eagles drew the top seed in the tournament and appeared to be the solid favorite. The Eagles absorbed their first loss of the season last week against Brantley, but as a big win over #2 seed New Brockton, and should be the team to beat.

New Brockton has improved every night out and certainly has the talent to win the tourney, while Kinston, Straughn and Red Level all appear balanced, and with the talent to pull off an upset.

The event will begin on Tuesday night, Dec. 27, at 7:00, with the Kinston Bulldogs meeting the Red Level Tigers.

Semifinal action will be held on Thursday night, Dec. 29, with New Brockton and Straughn meeting at 6:00, to be followed at 7:30 between the battle between top-seeded Goshen and the winner of the Kinston-Red Level contest.

The championship is set for Friday night, Dec. 30, at 7:00.

## BASKETBALL BRIEFS

## New Brockton spans Zion Chapel 69-41

The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled away in the second half to dump the Zion Chapel Rebels 69-41, last Monday night at Zion Chapel.

Andrae Medley scored 15 points to lead the (4-2) Gamecocks, while Marcus Brown added 14, Mitchell Truitt 11 and Chris Flowers 10. The (1-6) Rebels were paced by Joey Herbert with 17 points and Napoleon Smith with 13.

New Brockton also won the B game 30-26, despite the 16-point outburst by Andrae Flowers.

## Brantley Bulldogs drop Goshen 75-71

The Brantley Bulldogs improved their record to 3-0 last Tuesday night with a hard fought 75-71 win over the Goshen Eagles, in Goshen.

Adrian Person poured in 25 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Eric Crenshaw added 15. Cory Green scored 20 points to lead Goshen.

The Brantley B team also claimed a win as it defeated Goshen 56-45 behind it 24 points outburst of G. Seatey.

## Zion Chapel falls in SCAC tourney 53-28

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled until the final buzzer on Friday night before falling to the G.W. Long Rebels 53-28, in the opening round of the SCAC Tournament, in Skipperville.

Napoleon Smith scored 18 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Cory Flournoy added 11 and Joey Herbert scored 10. Eric Gorecki led Long with 16 points.

Named to the 1994 All-Conference team were Kevin Sheets, Napoleon Smith and Grady Williams.

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels were ousted in the opening round of the SCAC Tournament last week when they fell to G.W. Long 53-28.

Long was led in scoring by Brandy Holland, Beth Miller and Faye Prince with 10 points each.

Defeat Kinston in finals 74-60  
Gamecocks rally to win  
New Brockton tourney

The New Brockton Gamecocks were heavy favorites prior to the beginning of their own New Brockton Christmas Tournament last week-end and showed everyone why during the two night event as they posted wins over Red Level and Kinston to claim the tourney title.

Kinston placed second in the four-team tournament, followed by Red Level and McKenzie.

Following are highlights of the tournament:

## OPENING ROUND:

**KINSTON 83**

**MCKENZIE 43**

The Kinston Bulldogs used a 13-0 run early in the first quarter to take command and never looked back as they clobbered the McKenzie Tigers 83-43, in opening round action.

McKenzie jumped out to an early 4-2 lead over the Bulldogs; however, Kinston shifted to a halfcourt trap on defense and used its quickness and countless McKenzie turnovers to red off 13 straight points to move ahead 15-4 with 2:15 left in the quarter.

The Bulldogs carried a 21-8 lead into the second quarter and then used the inside strength of Anthony Jones to score seven straight points at the beginning of the stanza as the Bulldogs lead ballooned to 28-8 with 7:11 still left in the half.

With Anthony Jones in control inside and Marshall Maloy bombing away from behind the three-point line, the Bulldogs remained in command in the second quarter and stretched their lead to 39-14 with 2:36 left on the clock.

Kinston picked up in the third quarter where it had left off in the opening half and behind the play of Anthony Jones moved on top 50-18 with 4:50 remaining in the stanza.

The Kinston advantage reached 65-28 with 1:27 left in the quarter and the only question left to answer

was how bad would the Bulldogs win by?

The Bulldogs lead went to 36-points at 7:59 with 3:57 left in the game on a free-throw by Jeff Dukes, and later grew to 79-39 with 2:47 left on a bucket by Jonathan Creech.

McKenzie cut the lead to 79-43 with 1:55 left on the clock, but the Bulldogs scored late and claimed the 40-point win on a basket by Dukes that gave the Bulldogs the 83-43 romp.

Anthony Jones scored 21 points to lead Kinston, while Darren Moody added 17, Jeff Dukes added 16 and Jason Wambles and Marshall Maloy both scored 11. Andrea Owens and Willie Pettway both scored 10 points for McKenzie.

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## NEW BROCKTON 44

**RED LEVEL 23**

The New Brockton Gamecocks woke up offensively in the fourth quarter to sneak past the Red Level Tigers 44-23, in opening round action.

Neither team could find the range in the opening stanza and the turnovers outnumbered the points as the Gamecocks stumbled out to a 6-3 lead with 3:56 left in the first quarter.

Both teams came out in a full-court press to open the third quarter in an attempt to speed up the game, and the quickened pace was to the Gamecocks' favor as New Brockton moved on top 22-13 with 5:12 left in the stanza on a basket by Marcus Brown.







## Take a stand against drunk driving

"Take a Stand! Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk" is the theme for this December's National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

Alabama State Troopers, in partnership with the Traffic Safety Section of ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs) and county and local law enforcement agencies statewide, are joining a coalition of national organizations, including the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in kicking off 3-D month. A decade of combined efforts by NHTSA, Elba, and many public

and private organizations and volunteers has demonstrated that prevention works to reduce impaired driving.

3-D month and other strategies are credited with saving lives and reducing both injury and property damage. In 1993, 17,461 Americans died in crashes involving drivers and pedestrians impaired by alcohol and other drugs. This is the lowest figure in 30 years, but it is still unacceptably high.

Alabama State Troopers are joining in this nationwide effort to emphasize the consequences of impaired driving and to support those

methods, including enforcement, education and legislation, that help reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes that claim thousands of innocent lives each year.

Last year, in Alabama, at least 325 persons died and more than 6,400 were injured as a result of alcohol-related traffic crashes.

During 3-D month, in addition to routine enforcement of DUI and other traffic laws, troopers, county and local officers also will conduct sobriety checkpoints at various locations statewide as part of the on-going Checkpoint Alabama program.

The 12-month sobriety checkpoint program was developed by the Governor's DUI Task Force and launched in late October to increase DUI arrests and reduce alcohol-related traffic crashes.

To date, the sobriety checkpoints have been conducted in 34 Alabama counties and have resulted in 51 drunken driving arrests and warnings, including 219 for seat belt and child restraint violations.

Throughout 3-D month and the holiday season, troopers remind Alabama motorists to join in the effort to prevent drunken driving crashes by driving safe and sober.

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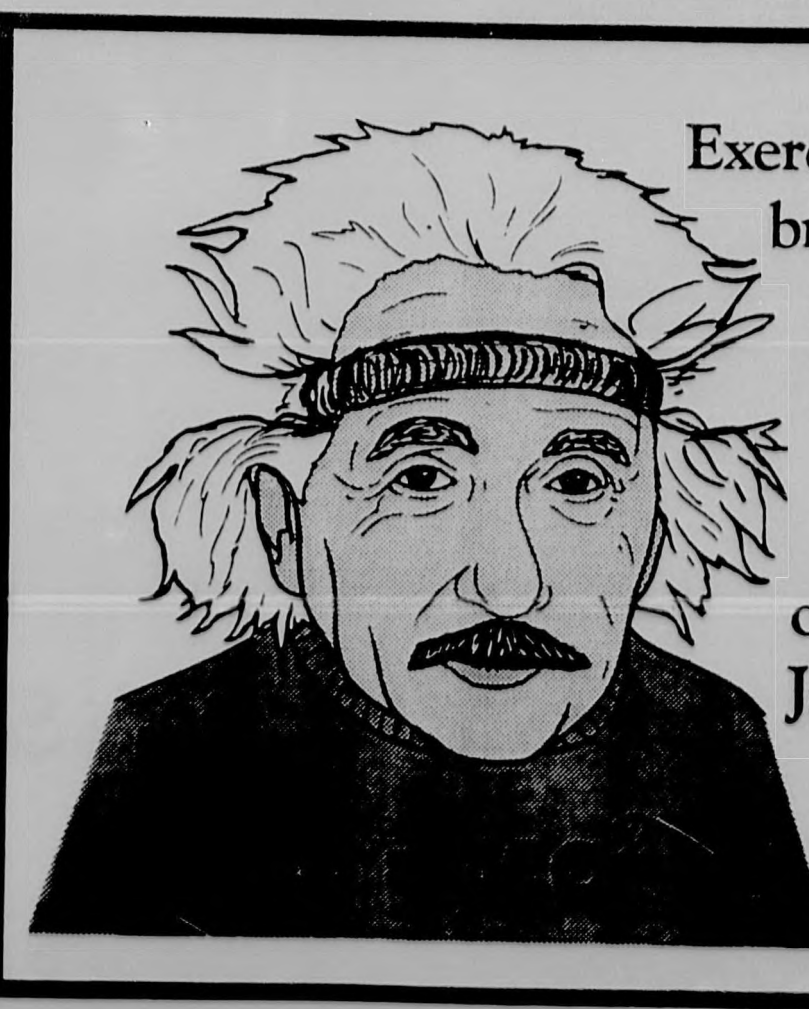
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## Children's Book Week Celebration

Elba Elementary School celebrated Children's Book Week November 14 through November 18. This year's theme was "Read Across America." Elementary students participated by writing stories, poems and making various projects. The following students are shown with their entries: 3rd graders - Hannah Martin, Shonda Morris, Blake Brunson, Lacy Carlisle, Grace Satterly, Molly Reeves, Lee Boutwell, Eric Stokes, Brandon Owens, Shawn Stinson, and Rachel Satterly; 4th graders - Chris Byfield, Melissa Sanders, Michael Sims, Kristy Ward, Alicia Hudson, Brad Cotton, and Julian Coleman; 5th graders - Chelsea Cooper, LaShon Robinson, Josh Johnson, Daniel Bowman, Stephanie Sasser, Jonathan Head, Kara Giles, Abia Williams, Rachel Bludworth, and Sheena Gregory; 6th graders - Billy Osborne, Adam Fredrick, Jared Husey, Chris Sasser, Tim Hoffman, Melissa Mularz, Brandy Jackson, Alan Paul Johnson, and Kim Thomas.



STUDENTS PICTURED ABOVE MADE POSTERS



STUDENTS PICTURED ABOVE WROTE STORIES



STUDENTS PICTURED ABOVE MADE ART PROJECTS

## ADEM fines local garbage collection contractor

Royce Herrington, a local garbage collection contractor, has been fined \$1,000 by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

The fine was for the unauthorized disposal of solid waste on approximately three to five acres of his property, according to an administrative order issued recently by ADEM.

The illegal dumping site is located approximately eight miles southwest of Enterprise, AL off Coffee County Road 646.

The order cites inspections of the site in May 1993 and April 1994 during which ADEM personnel observed that solid waste—including cardboard, bags of garbage, chicken trays contaminated with blood and raw poultry meat—had been or were being disposed of illegally.

Following both inspections, ADEM notified Herrington via certified mail that the disposal of such wastes without a permit was a violation of state solid waste laws and that measures should be taken to close the illegal dump site.

As of the date the administrative order was issued, Herrington had taken no such steps.

In addition to payment of the fine within 30 days, the order requires that Herrington immediately stop the disposal of solid wastes at the site and submit within one month a plan for closure on the site.

The order further states that implementation of the closure plan must be completed within 30 days of ADEM's approval of the plan.

ADEM assesses administration penalties based on the seriousness of the violation, the standard of care shown by the company, any economic benefit of delayed compliance, preventive efforts, compliance history and ability to pay a fine.

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DON'T LET  
FRIENDS  
DRIVE  
DRUNK.**

## Letters To The Editor Policy

The Elba Clipper encourages its readers to express their comments and views in the form of Letters to the Editor. Letters should not contain libelous material and should be in good taste. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters for style and grammar. Letters should be signed - NO UNSIGNED LETTERS WILL BE PUBLISHED! A phone number should accompany the letter for the purpose of confirming the author of the letter (Phone numbers will not be printed with letters). Address letters to: Letters to the Editor, The Elba Clipper, P.O. Drawer A, Elba, AL 36323.

## Farmer's Co-Op Market Report

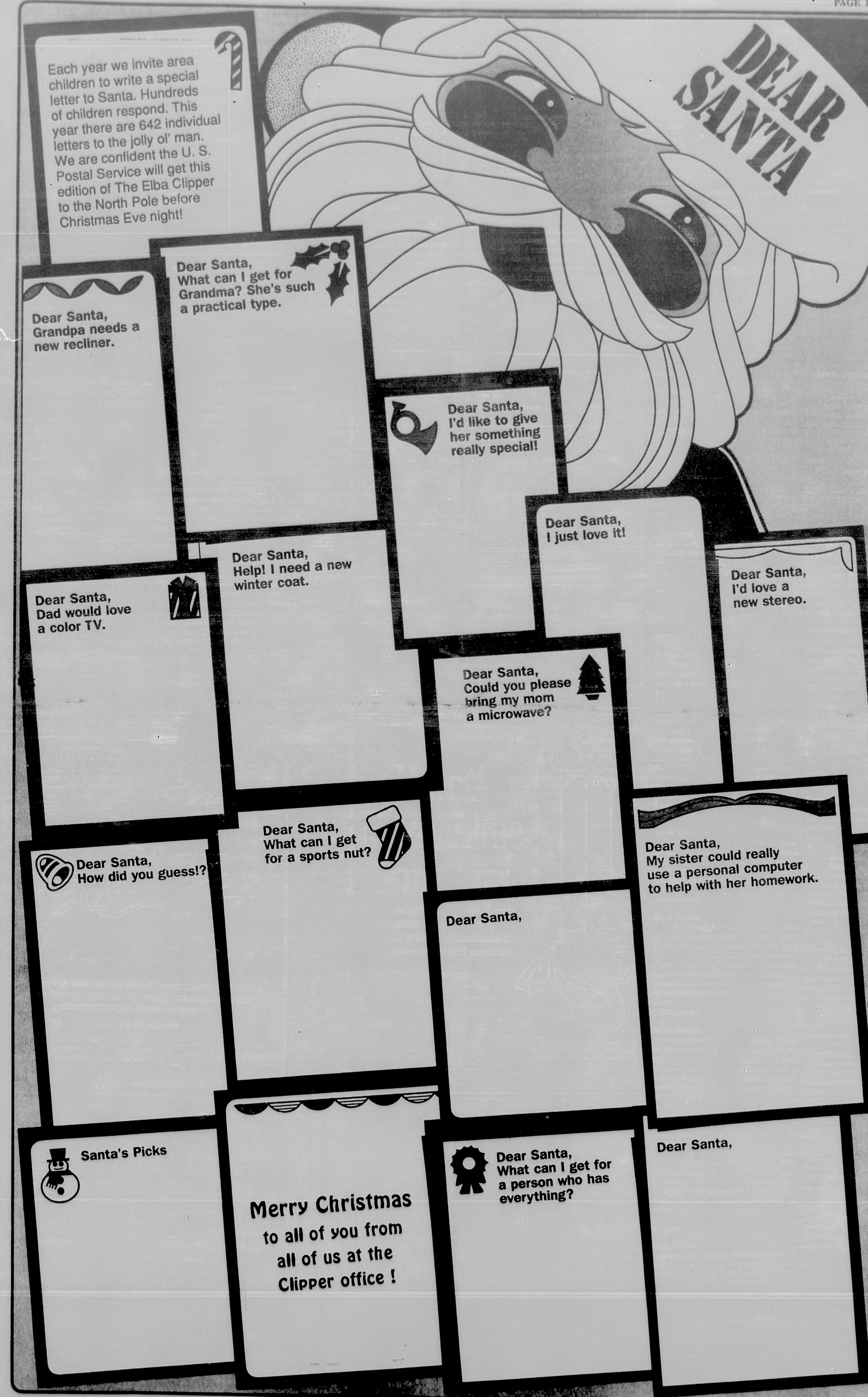
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Ronnie Vaughan - (205) 897-6053

December 13 & 14, 1994

ELBA MARKET		
Cattle & Calves		
Salable Receipts (Est.).....	20	Hogs
Week Ago (Actual).....	65	523
Year Ago (Actual).....	8	511
OPP MARKET		
Cattle & Calves		
Salable Receipts (Est.).....	600	Hogs
Week Ago (Actual).....	903	0
Year Ago (Actual).....	542	0

### BREAKDOWN

HOGS (ELBA MKT ONLY): Compared to week ago, Barrows & Gilts: 2.00 Higher, US 1-3, 230-250 lbs, 29.50-30.50; US 2-3, 250-270 lbs, 28.25-29.25. Sows: 1.00-2.00 Higher US 1-3, 300-400 lbs, 15.00-17.00; 400-500 lbs, 17.50-19.50; 500-600 lbs, 18.00-20.00. Feeder Pigs: Steady, US 1-3, 25-30 lbs, 37.00-41.00; 50-80 lbs, 35.00-43.00; 80-100 lbs, 31.00-39.00. Boars: Steady, Over 300 lbs, 11.00-12.00; Under 300 lbs, Unsteady. CATTLE & CALVES (OPP MKT ONLY): Compared to week ago, Slaughter Cows: 3.00 Higher. Bulls: To Few. Feeder Classes: Steers: 1.00-2.00 Lower. Heifers: 1.00-2.00 Higher. Replacement or Feeder Cows: 4.00 Lower. SLAUGHTER CLASS-ES: Cows: Bon Uty 1-3, 36.00-41.00; HY 44.00-45.00; Cut 1-3, 30.00-34.00; Bulls: Yr 1-2, 10.00-15.00 lbs, 42.50-46.00; FEEDER CLASSES: STEERS: Med & Lge 1, 250-300 lbs, 100.00-111.00; 300-350 lbs, 93.00-100.00; 350-400 lbs, 88.00-94.00; 400-450 lbs, 85.00-90.00; 450-500 lbs, 75.00-81.00; 500-550 lbs, 70.00-76.00; Med & Lge 2, 300-350 lbs, 85.00-91.00; 350-400 lbs, 80.00-86.00; 400-450 lbs, 76.00-81.00; 450-500 lbs, 73.00-78.00; 500-550 lbs, 64.00-70.00. HEIFERS: Med & Lge 1, 250-300 lbs, 82.00-88.00; 300-350 lbs, 78.00-85.00; 350-400 lbs, 74.00-79.00; 400-450 lbs, 72.00-78.00; 450-500 lbs, 70.00-75.00; 500-550 lbs, 64.00-67.50; 550-600 lbs, 62.00-65.50; Med & Lge 2, 250-300 lbs, 70.00-75.00; 300-350 lbs, 67.00-74.00; 350-400 lbs, 66.00-71.00; 400-450 lbs, 64.00-68.00. COWS REPLACEMENT and/or FEEDERS: Sm 1-2, 550-700 lbs Cow, 3-7 Yrs, 35.00-41.00; Sm 1-2, 350-700 lbs Cow, 7 Yrs, 32.50-41.00; Med 1-2, 900-1100 lbs Cow, 3-7 Yrs, 40.00-46.00. COW & CALF PAIRS: Sm 1-2, 700-900 lbs Cows w/75-200 lbs Calves, 40.00-46.00; Med 1-2, 900-1100 lbs Cows w/75-200 lbs Calves, 50.00-66.00. BRED COWS: Sm 1-2, 700-900 lbs Cow 3-5 Mos, 300.00-375.00; Med 1-2, 900-1100 lbs Cow 3-5 Mos, 400.00-500.00; Med 1-2, 900-1100 lbs Cow 5-8 Mos, 475.00-565.00.



Each year we invite area children to write a special letter to Santa. Hundreds of children respond. This year there are 642 individual letters to the jolly ol' man. We are confident the U. S. Postal Service will get this edition of The Elba Clipper to the North Pole before Christmas Eve night!

Dear Santa, What can I get for Grandpa? She's such a practical type.

Dear Santa, Grandpa needs a new recliner.

Dear Santa, I'd like to give her something really special!

Dear Santa, I just love it!

Dear Santa, I'd love a new stereo.

Dear Santa, Could you please bring my mom a microwave?

Dear Santa, Help! I need a new winter coat.

Dear Santa, Dad would love a color TV.

Dear Santa, How did you guess?!

Dear Santa, What can I get for a sports nut?

Dear Santa, My sister could really use a personal computer to help with her homework.

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas to all of you from all of us at the Clipper office!

Dear Santa, What can I get for a person who has everything?

Dear Santa,

**A safe and Merry Christmas to all !!**







# Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a 3 wheeler.  
I want a go cart. I want a keyboard. I  
want a speed bike.  
Your friend,  
Courtney Stanley

## Mrs. Archie's 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I have been very very all year. I  
hope you will bring me these things this  
year. First I would like a Sega Nin-  
tendo and Simon and a petal gun. I  
hop you give lots of presins.  
Love,  
Dustin Patterson

Dear Santa,  
I have been very, very nice all  
year. I hope that you will bring me  
these things for Christmas this year.  
First I would like a Gymnastic Bar-  
bie, next I would like a Jumpsie doll.  
Last I hope that you will bring me a  
Don't Get Rattled Game. I will leave  
you some cookies and milk. Have a  
holly jolly Christmas!  
Love,  
Breeann Hattaway

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Love,  
Dustin Patterson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been very, very nice all  
year. I hope that you will bring me  
these things for Christmas this year.  
First I would like a Sega for Christ-  
mas. Next I would like a computer  
for Christmas. Last I would like a  
My Sixe Barbie for Christmas. Santa,  
I am going to leave you sum  
more. I hope you come to my house.  
Have a holly jolly Christmas this  
year. I will leave you sum milk and  
cookies. Come December 25, 1994.  
Love your friend,  
Ramsi

Dear Santa,  
I have been very, very nice all  
year. I hope that you will bring me  
these things for Christmas this year.  
I would like a Tatoodles. Next I  
would like a bracelet and rings, and  
Topsy Tail.  
Love,  
Brittany Scofield

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice all year. I  
hope you will bring me these things  
for Christmas this year. First I would  
like a Super Nintendo. Next, I would  
like a dinosaur dictionary. Last I  
would like a computer. I will leave  
you some milk and cookies. Have a  
Merry Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Lee

Dear Santa,  
I have been very, very nice all  
year. I hope that you will bring me  
these things for Christmas this year.  
I would like a Tatoodles. Next I  
would like Night Dazzle Barbie and  
Topsy Tail. Have a Merry Christ-  
mas.  
Love,  
Diane McDonough

Dear Santa,  
I have been very very nice all  
year. I hope that you will bring these  
things for Christmas this year. First I  
would like a petal gun and a TV and  
a 4 wheeler. I hope you come to my  
house and have a holly jolly Christ-  
mas.  
Love your friend,  
Christopher Jackson

Dear Santa,  
I have been very very nice all  
year. I hope that you will bring me  
these things for Christmas this year.  
First I would like a baby doll, next I  
would like a bike. Last I hope that  
you will bring me some cundly.  
Love,  
Kontora Edwards

Dear Santa,  
I have been very very nice all  
year. I hope that you will bring me  
these things for Christmas. First I  
would like a desk next I would like a  
book shelf. Last I would like a  
computer. There are many, many  
other things too. And I wish you  
could bring them this year. I hope  
you a holly jolly Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Billy Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I have been very, very nice all  
year. I hope that you will bring me  
these things for Christmas this year.  
First I want a doll house. Next I  
want a Ken doll. Last I want the Ex-  
ercise Barbie. We will leave you  
some turkey and milk. Please come by  
my house December 25, 1994 have  
holly jolly Christmas.  
Love,  
Tana

Dear Santa Clause,  
I have been very, very nice all  
year. I hope that you will bring these  
things for Christmas this year. First I  
would like a Power Ranger suit.  
Next I would like a White Ranger  
toy. Last I hope that you will bring  
me an Auburn suit. How is Rodph  
and Donner too? Have I been a good  
boy? How is Mrs. Claus? Oh Santa,  
Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Matthew

Dear Santa,  
I have been very, very nice all  
year. I hope that you will bring me  
these things for Christmas this year.  
First I would like a Rattler. Next I  
would like a dirt bike with a moater.  
Last I would like a go cart.  
Love,  
Justin Grimes

## Mrs. Davis' 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a Sega  
Genes and Sonic and Kucules game.  
I want Sonic Three, Two and One  
and Sonic Spinball. I want a fair,  
I want a Pizza Hut, and a Condo in  
New York. I want a Black Bird jet.  
Your pal,  
Whitney Herring

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Sega Genies. Also  
a Tatoodles doll. I would like some  
rings, bracelets, and earrings. I would  
like a purse. I would like some  
clothes. Also some boots. I would  
like a new Lisa Frank set.  
P.S. tell Roughdof hi. Thanks for  
helping Santa.  
Sincerely,  
Abbie Hatcher

Dear Santa,  
I want a new bike. I would also  
like a Target Tower. I would like a  
toy race car. I want a new pair of  
shoes. I want a new shirt. I would  
like to have a bed. I want a colored  
TV.  
Your friend,  
Jonathan Hattaway

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me a  
doll, a go-cart, a cat, a puppy, a real  
car, a tramp-a-lean, a play house.  
That is all I want for Christmas. And  
I would like to say thank you!  
Love,  
Megan King

Dear Santa,  
I want a Sega Genesis and a elec-  
tric guitar. I also want some ringer  
games, a pool table that has a tennis  
game, hockey game. I want a real dart  
game and a recorder.  
Your friend,  
Tommy Loupe

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike. I want a swing set  
and a pool. I want a Barbie. I want  
some dolls. I want Jenny Jemmes. I  
really want the rest to be a surprise.  
Your friend,  
Bridgett Marlowe

Dear Santa,  
I want the Python for Christmas.  
It is a truck that shoots out water. I  
also want Ricochet. It is a car that  
has two sides. I want the Spike Tail  
Predator. It would be nice to have  
the Mantis Alien.  
Love,  
Tyler Mock

Dear Santa,  
I want a trhee in one arcade game  
and a Sega Genisis. I also want a few  
little toys.  
Your friend,  
Jeremy Driver

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want some ear-  
rings and shoes. I want some clothes  
and hairbows. I want a Bicycle Bar-  
bie and Jynnest Barbie. And I want  
a trampoline for Christmas.  
Love,  
Amanda Lashley

Dear Santa,  
I would like a big teddy bear and  
a real ring and a fake baby. I will put  
some cookies on the table. And  
some milk. I love you Santa.  
Love,  
Tiffany

Dear Santa,  
I want a swimming pool and all the  
Ninge Turtles play sets and a wa-  
terbed.  
Love,  
Blake Phillips

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll and I want a  
Barbie. I want a new bike for Christ-  
mas. I want a cumpter. I want a TV  
for Christmas. I want a swing set.  
Love,  
Courtney Farris

Dear Santa,  
I want knee knokrise, 10,000 dol-  
lers, and a Sonic stuffed animal.  
Love,  
Haley Kilcrease

## Ms. Hornsby's 4th Grade

Dear Santa,  
My name is Allen Holley. For  
Christmas I would like a Super Nin-  
tendo. I would like a motor scooter. I  
want a bicycle, a pellet gun, new  
video games, for my Sega, and the  
very best thing I want is a train set. I  
also want a computer.  
P.S. If you don't bring it this year  
you can bring it next.  
Your friend,  
Allen Holley

Dear Santa,  
My name is Shawn Herring.  
What I want for Christmas is a  
Game Boy, skateboard, games, and I  
want all A's on my report card, but I  
don't want to fail.  
Your friend,  
Shawn Herring

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jeremy Hoomes. For  
Christmas I would like a Red Hot  
Mustang for my brother. I would  
also want a girl puppy so my other  
puppy can have little puppies.  
Have a Merry Christmas.  
Sincerely,  
Jeremy Hoomes

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me a  
doll, a go-cart, a cat, a puppy, a real  
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and a Sega Genisis. I also want a few  
little toys.  
Your friend,  
Jeremy Driver

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tasha Reeves. I am 9  
years old. For Christmas I would  
like a ring that has a real diamond in  
it. Also I would like a stereo because  
I can listen to music and remember  
you at the same time. I always want  
clothes. There is one more thing that  
I have wanted and it is a sports car!  
Sincerely,  
Tasha

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a ten  
speed bicycle, video games, a Honey  
I Blew Up The Kid movie, a handi  
computer, the Disney Channel and  
that's about all I can think of now. I  
won't forget the cookies and milk  
for you if we have any. So Merry  
Christmas to you and be careful.  
Your friend,  
Stoane Weeks

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tara Williams. For  
Christmas I would like some Baby  
Sitters Club books. I already have  
numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,  
21, 19, and 30. I also want some Girl  
Talk books I already have #6. I like  
Judy Blume books too. I've read  
Fates of a Fourth Grade Nothing,  
Super Fudge, Fudge-O-Mania, and  
Otherwise Known as Shiela The  
Great. Another thing I want is some  
animal posters or stickers.  
Sincerely,  
Tara Williams

Dear Santa,  
My name is Josh Odom. For  
Christmas I would like a bike, video  
games, and baseball cards. That will  
be enough.  
Your friend,  
Josh

Dear Santa,  
My name is Angel Cosson. For  
Christmas I would like a Barbie doll  
set, and some clothes and shoes, and  
I want a waterbed with a mirror.  
Love,  
Angel Cosson

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jamie Johnson. For  
Christmas I would like a VCR, a Super  
Nintendo game, a movie, and  
some clothes. Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Jamie Johnson

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lee. For Christmas I  
would like a pellet gun so I can go  
hunting. That is all I want for Christ-  
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Sincerely,  
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Sincerely,  
Lee

Dear Santa,  
My name is Geneva Legaspi. For  
Christmas I would like a four wheel-  
er, makeup, games, clothes, and real  
gold jewelry. But, most of all I wish  
I could go to my Dad's for a couple  
of days. That is what I want for  
Christmas.  
Sincerely,  
Geneva Legaspi

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jason. For Christmas  
I would like a chemistry set, Python  
remote control car, remote control  
airplane, Dr. Dreadful Drink Lab,  
and the most important is a 410.  
Sincerely,  
Jason McInnis

Dear Santa,  
My name is Mathew. What I  
want for Christmas is clothes, a  
baseball, football, a bow and arrow,  
and a jump rope. I want some  
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Love,  
Matthew Wilkerson

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THE ELBA CLIPPER DECEMBER 22, 1994  
ELBA

## Mrs. Lowery's 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
How are you? This year I have  
been good. I would like a Baby  
Check-Up and a jeep.  
Merry Christmas!  
Your friend,  
Arrian Bowers

Dear Santa,  
How are you? This year I have  
been good. I would like a basketball  
goal.  
Merry Christmas!  
Your friend,  
LaKay Williams

Dear Santa,  
How are you? This year I have  
been good. I would like a special  
doll and a Topsy Tail doll.  
Merry Christmas!  
Your friend,  
Amber Pike



And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I  
bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.  
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a  
Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

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PEACE ON EARTH

We hope you take the time to enjoy the beauty and serenity  
that the season represents. And in the spirit of Christmas,  
please accept our sincere thanks for your kindness.

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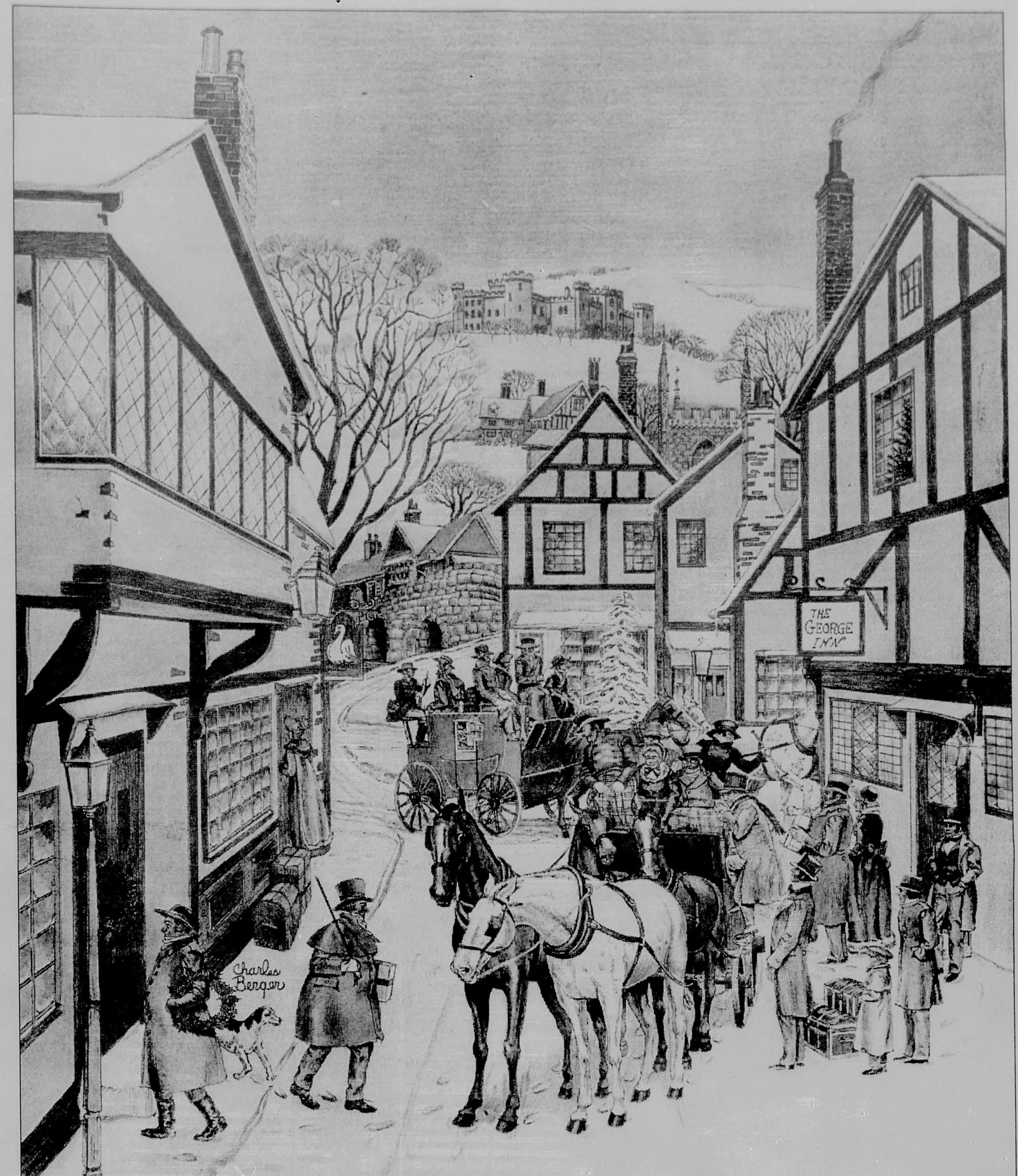
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The Holidays Bring The Most Wonderful Things

Sleigh bells ring. Carollers sing. Magic fills the air as families and friends  
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wonderful town, and we're pleased to be a part of it. Merry Christmas to all!

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# Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,  
This year I want a Three-In-One Tournament table with a storage case to keep the equipment in. Can you make the board with a mixture of red, blue and orange? If you can, do it. Thank you for listening to me.  
Your pal,  
Christy Eubanks

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a four wheeler and also the Ultimater and that about it.  
Love,  
Ralston

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy sometimes. Me and my brother fight. Any other time I am a good boy. I don't know what I want for Christmas yet.  
Love,  
Ricky Marler

Dear Santa Claus,  
I do not want much. I just want a dog. If you don't mind try to get all the children that want more than me. And I don't mind what I get. But please get me anything you think that will be good for me.  
Love,  
Hannah

Dear Santa,  
I want a Patty Cake doll, skates, computer, table, stove and a fister, hair-do set.  
Love,  
Michelle Carpenter

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Love,  
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I want a doll her name is Baby-All-Gone. And she will eat her cherries like a big girl. I also want the Big Dream doll house. And all the people that go with it. The most important thing I want is some shoes. I do not want combat boots.  
Love,  
Lacy Carlile

Dear Santa,  
This is Shonda. How are you? I'm going to get a lot of things for Christmas. Eight things. Is that a lot? I think so. Well I got to go. I'm going to get a ring and more things for Christmas. Bye. I like Christmas. It's my best holiday.  
Shonda Morris

Dear Santa,  
I want some roller blades, four wheels, dirt bike, go-cart. And I want to see your sleigh and your reindeer.  
Your pal,  
Chad Wallace

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Thank you Santa,  
Jennifer Grissett

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Santa, I have been very good this year and would like for you to bring me a Dancing Twirl Barbie and Power Ranger. I wish you a Merry Christmas.  
Thank you Santa,  
Somer McDonald

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How are you? Santa, I have been very good this year and would like for you to bring me 4 baby bulldogs, 2 rattlesnakes, 1 baby rattlesnake, 1 mommy rattlesnake, 2 tarantulas, and 2 ovis.  
Thank you Santa,  
Bill Bludsworth

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Santa, I have been good this year and would like for you to bring me \$10,000, skateboard, a TV, Sega, Game Boy, VCR, Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho.  
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Thank you Santa,  
Ashley Gibson

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. Please bring me these things: go-cart, bike, gun, four wheeler, Super Nintendo. I will save you some cookies.  
Thank you Santa,  
Ted Caldwell

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. Please bring me these things: radio, pool, rings, Monopoly, trampoline. I am eight years old and will you bring some cookies and milk for me and my Mom?  
Thank you Santa,  
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Thank you for coming to my house last year. Please bring me a doll, tea set and Nintendo tapes. Merry Christmas and have a safe trip around the world.  
Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Ashley Destina Gray

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I have been good this year. Please bring me these things: drums, ten speed bike, Super Nintendo, \$10,000, a sausage dog. I will leave you cookies and milk Christmas night.  
Thank you Santa,  
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Love,  
Hunter White

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a bike and a dog. I love you, dear Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Becky Stinson



All the Best to You On Christmas

Here's hoping your holiday is stuffed with the gifts of family, friends and good fortune. We appreciate all you've given us throughout the year and look forward to continuing to serve you in the future. Happy Holiday and many thanks.

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Dear Santa,  
I love Rudolph. He is pretty. I like his pretty nose. I like all deer. I had a happy year. Did you have a VCR, and a Sega Power Rangers game. Love,  
Ben Coppage

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a book to read. I would like a Mario tape. I would like a bike for Christmas. I would like a Mickey Mouse toy. I have been good. Love,  
John Moody

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. How is Rudolph? Is his nose any brighter? I love you Santa. Can you bring me lots and lots of presents? O.K., to the present list. I want a Sega and lots of Sega games and lots of fun games. I want a remote controlled Python car and I want the 6 wheel car. I want the 10 wheel rattler. The car is red and blue and has big wheels and a power wheel and a bike and some water guns. I want a computer and a Dr. Dreadful food lab. If I am better, you can bring more gifts. Love,  
Derrick Cook

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie for Christmas. I want a Barbie horse, a Barbie boy, and a Barbie boat with a blender in it. And I want a Talking Simba. Love,  
Brittany Hudson

Dear Santa,  
I would like a computer with a lots of tapes and I would like a Game Boy with lots of little tapes that goes with the Game Boy. I would like a Sega. I would like a TV, too. I would like a square table. How are you?  
Love,  
Justin Kilian

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer for Christmas and a baby doll and some clothes. I want some toys for Christmas. I want a play house and a Barbie doll car when you come on Christmas. I want a 10 speed bike, too. I love you, Santa!  
Love,  
Sherika Lindsey

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Power Ranger and I want a watch. Santa, will you bring it? I want it. Will you bring it, please? Love,  
Curtis Chandler

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dirt bike. I haven't been nice all the time. I hope you give me something. And a gold chain and roller blades and a Ricochet. Love,  
Hunter McGuire

Dear Santa,  
I like you too Santa. I want you to buy me a present.  
Love,  
Latoya

Dear Santa,  
I have been good and I want a skate board and I want a power gun toy, then I want a dirt bike, then I want a three wheeler, then I want a bicycle. Love,  
Michael

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dirt bike because I have been very good. I would like a skateboard and I would like a bunk bed. Love,  
Derek

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. Santa, I would like a pool. Santa, I would like a dog. Santa, I would like a cat. Love,  
Amanda

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. Will you bring me a remote controlled car and a dirt bike and a football? Love,  
Lamar

Dear Santa,  
I have been good-very good. Good. Please bring me a big present, drums, too and a dirt bike. Love,  
Josh Wallace

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll and bring my Mom a new ring and new fur coat. I have been good. Love,  
Kim

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I have been good-very good. Please bring me a play cat, and a bicycle, a Christmas shirt, and a jumpsey, and a trampoline. I would like a Love,  
Gale Olson

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I have been good. I want a pool. Santa, I want a jump rope. Santa, I want a trampoline. Santa. Love,  
Kayla

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy and a Power Ranger book. I would like a book. I'm in 1st grade. Love,  
Josh P.

Dear Santa,  
Santa will buy me a present. I know Santa. Santa will buy me a gun. Love,  
William

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. Please bring me a Secret Treasures Bike. Please bring me a New Born Nancy. Please bring me a trampoline and a playhouse and a TV. I'm in first grade. Bring me some roller skates. Love,  
Casey Medlock

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John Moody

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I still have a 100 in conduct. Bring me a trampoline and a pet rabbit, and a pool. Pink Power Ranger suit, and ten dollars. Love,  
Jenae

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Ricochet and a little bit more things like a Power Ranger hand held game and Power Ranger. Love,  
Chase L. Boutwell

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I have been good. Will you buy me a Nintendo and a dirt bike? Love,  
Bryan

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I hope the reindeer are being good for you. I wish that I could see one reindeer. They would be cute to me. I would be nice to them. They would be nice to me. I want My Size Barbie and two cats. Would you get my sister a bear? Please let me see Rudolph! Love,  
Linda Birchum

Dear Santa,  
This year I'd like some reindeer earrings, just like the ones I had. Also Scarlett the Madam Alexander doll. Next, I would like an AM/FM CD reader made by Sony. The last thing I would like is some surprises. My house is on 585 East Davis Street in Elba, Alabama. It is red brick and white, black and gray trim. You will be able to see our Christmas tree in the front big window. Our stockings will be hung in the den. There will be some hay for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you. Love,  
Mary Katherine Head

Dear Santa,  
I am really excited about Christmas. I want a 6x6, Santa, I hope your reindeer are O.K. Love,  
Eric

Dear Santa,  
All I want is a Sega Genesis, Triple Wheels, and a computer and a pitcher, and that is all I want for Christmas. And how are your reindeer. And my house is blue. 654 Lee Street, Elba. I have been good this year. Love,  
Quentin R.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Super Nintendo, some games with it, a fifteen speed and a 12 gauge and clothes and a TV and a VCR with it, a remote controlled car, a hunting outfit, and a sharp knife with it. That's all. Love,  
Adam Carter

Dear Santa,  
I know you are busy now reading letters from everybody. I have been good this year. I will leave you out milk and cookies. I don't want much this year, just a few items. Tell Mrs. Claus I said hi. I want a trampoline, tent, fishing supplies, Mighty Morph Power Rangers video game (for Super NES) Merry Christmas. If you can bring everything that's O.K. Love,  
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Do you know what I want? If you don't know I'll tell you. I want a BB gun with BB's, some clothes, a Sega, Game Gear, 100,000,000 dollars, baseball cards, real tools, a globe, another dog, tapes. What I want most of all I want a go-cart and a few other things. How is everybody? Merry Christmas. Love,  
Matthew Curran

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a doll and air conditioner. I wish I had a TV and car. I wish I had a house and a doll house. I wish I had a bike and a beanbag and a sleeping bag. Love,  
Stephanie Hay

Dear Santa,  
I would like a boombox and some clothes and some shoes and an Alabama gold chain and a diamond ring and an Alabama suit and a bed for me and a suitcase. Love,  
Amanda Richardson

Dear Santa,  
I want a Snow White watch for Christmas. Also get my sister a Barney and Baby Bop toy. I want thinking about your reindeer today. Are they doing O.K.? Have a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love,  
Ashley Chandler

Dear Santa,  
I want four things for Christmas. A Sega, a bike a Magic Bake and a Walkman. That's all I want for Christmas. How are you and the reindeer? How is Frosty the Snowman? How is Mrs. Claus and the elves? Are they making our toys for Christmas? I hope your sleigh is packed with toys and to be coming for Christmas. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love always,  
Shaunna Hammonds

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas Santa, elves and reindeer. I hope you are headed toward my house to bring gifts to me. What I want for Christmas is listed here. I want a snake, a dog, and a cat. That's what I want for Christmas. I will leave you and your reindeer some cookies and milk for your snack. Merry Christmas. Love,  
Leanna Sutley

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a pet cat and also a little puppy and a whole lot of toys. I want a Barbie doll and a bike and some roller skates and I want it to snow. And I wish my hair was long. I really, really wish I could go to the North Pole and I wish I would see what you would look like. I wish my Mom had a baby too. Love,  
Shantel Griffin

Dear Santa,  
You are busy, but will you get my sister a new bicycle and my Dad a new liner and will you give me some friends. Merry Christmas. Santa. Love,  
Shawn

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas to you and your elves and reindeer. I hope you are having a great time. I want a train for Christmas. Love,  
Kimmey Hill

Dear Santa,  
I was going to the mall and I said Mom I want to go see Santa and I asked Santa how are the reindeer doing and Santa said they are doing fine. And then Santa asked me what I wanted for Christmas and I said an Alabama hat at a Sega and an Alabama coat. Love,  
Garret Bowers







# Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,  
I have been trying extra hard all year. My school work and home-work is much better. So please bring me all the toys I have wished for and lots of surprises.  
Thank you,  
Desmond

Dear Santa Claus,  
I've been very good this year. For this reason, could you bring me these toys: I would like a Combat Optimus Prime, and lots of surprises. Oh, I almost forgot the new bike and a skateboard with safety gear.  
Your friend,  
A.J. Davis

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me some shoes, a guitar, a new bed, and a new coloring book. I have been good. Have a Happy Christmas.  
Love,  
Haley



**KICK UP YOUR HEELS AND CELEBRATE!**  
Happy Holidays and sincere best wishes.



**BIG BEAR**  
N. Claxton Elba 897-2417

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From

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From all of us to all of you - one more time  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR**



We hope the message of love and the true spirit of the season makes its way into each heart in every land.

**Elba Sound Center**  
341 Simmons - 897-5568  
&  
**Gloria's Beauty Shop**  
340 Simmons St. - 897-2761

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. I like that it will be Jesus's birthday on December the 25, people forget that. They only remember you. Please bring peach and joy and also a tape recorder like in Home Alone, a remote control car and a Game Boy.  
Love,  
Josh Tracy

Dear Santa,  
I hope everyone gets what they want. All I want is a bike and a lot of surprises. And a lot of snow. I like to have peace on earth and God's love too.  
From,  
Jennie Wilkerson

Dear Santa,  
I want a TV and a phone.  
From,  
Keri

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baby doll gym, and Barbie jeep, TV, new shoes, clothes, Power Rangers, gloves, and lots of surprises.  
Thank you Santa,  
LaShonda Cole

Dear Santa,  
I want a TV with a VCR and some movies to go with it and some other surprises I have been a good girl this year.  
Shaun Ellis

Dear Santa,  
I want a TV and a bell and a snowball and a tea set, My Size Barbie and a phone.  
Thank you,  
Donna

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a jeep that I can drive, a new toy chest, a Stretch Armstrong, and a football uniform, and lots of super surprises.  
I have been a pretty good boy and hope you have a great Christmas.  
Thanks,  
Chance Winters

**NEW BROCKTON**

Hey Santa,  
You know what I want for Christmas? I really want a leather football and a patch for my bike tire.  
Your friend,  
Steven Windburn

**Mrs. Bryan's 6th Grade**  
Dear Santa,  
I would like to have the following for Christmas: Sega, watch, clothes, shoes, bike, stereo, purse.  
Ruby Bandy

**Mrs. Burrows' 5th Grade**

Dear Santa,  
I've been good this year. Do you know what I want for Christmas? If you don't I will make a list for you. Here they are: go-cart, trampoline, three rings, a Mickey Mouse watch, new clothes, Barbie doll, a doll that drinks, cats and wets, Secret Diary, and a real necklace.  
Thank you,  
Antwan Flowers

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wish you would get me a watch and a Game Boy, cars, and a very big pool. I been very good this year. I also want a doll and a shirt, socks, shoes, jeans, and a very big bike with a squeeze and a nice purse, trampoline, rings, and necklace.  
Love,  
Lakiya R. Flowers

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice to Mom and Dad, and Mrs. Burrows. I love Mrs. Burrows. She helps out with your work. Anyway she is a good Mom and teacher. I would like to have a CD Rom for my computer, and a Hop-A-Roo, and stils. That's all for this year.  
Love,  
Nikki Rowe

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a TV and a ball and a cat.  
Love,  
Andrea

**May Your Holiday Wishes Come True**  
As you enjoy the season, it's our wish that you know how much we appreciate knowing and serving you.

**THE YOUNG WORLD OF LEARNING KDC & DAYCARE**  
(1440 AL203) Bypass  
& **THE OLD HOUSE OYSTER BAR**  
Corner Kinston Hwy. & Caroline St. (1 Block from Westside Baptist Church)



**Mrs. Thomas' Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Jumpy doll, a trampoline, a go-cart, and a Doctor Care Baby, a Barbie Camping (the stars glow high), Barbie rides a horse, a boy and girl Barbie, Wedding Barbie (my size), and a dancing Barbie.  
Love,  
Andrea Proffitt

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want you to bring a bean bag, teddy, baby Barbie, a play little baby, Barney, Barney nite shoes.  
Thank you,  
Tamra

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good little girl, and am also 6 years old. I would like these things for Christmas: baby doll, swing, and clothes.  
Your pal,  
Valarie Hutcherson

**Mrs. Mooney's 3rd Class**

Dear Santa,  
I want some games, clothes, boots, and a few surprises.  
Love,  
Brandon Griswold

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I would like a Barbie Motor Home, and a Baby All Well, and Barbie surprises.  
Love,  
Tori Stone

Dear Santa,  
I am waiting to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a Power Ranger hand game. Well, bye.  
Sincerely yours,  
Joseph McGary

Dear Santa,  
I have done my chores. I have been good to my Mom. I remember to use good manners. For Christmas I would like a Heigh Ho game and a Lion King game. Thank you Santa.  
Love,  
Brittany Allen

**Mrs. Moore's 1st Grade**

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a TV and VCR and Billy Ray Cyrus tape with Al's Brakley Hart and Reba Makinur tape.  
Love,  
Anna

Dear Santa,  
I want a white Ranger sword. I will put some milk and cookies and I will love a carit.  
Love,  
Chelsea

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for giving me presut.  
You are nice.  
Love,  
Emily

Dear Santa,  
I want a go-cart and a stereo. I would like a compwter, stiker doll, Barbie doll, TV, telephone.  
Love,  
Whiney

Dear Santa,  
I would like a traplen and a veto game to and subeg else. A buch ten. Love Subeg.  
(Unsigned)

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Sega Game Gaer, Mortol Kombat, and Samery Show-down.  
Love,  
Tristan

Dear Santa,  
I will leave you some milk and Cokes I want a truck.  
Love,  
Matthew

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a truck, brag me a bar-sark, bring me a putobow.  
Love,  
Desman

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a TV and a ball and a cat.  
Love,  
Andrea



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## HOPE it's a MEMORABLE SEASON

'Tis the season for opening presents and gleeful reminiscences. We remember all the good things our customers brought us this year. Many thanks for all you've done.

**LAWFORD ACE HARDWARE**  
On The Square Elba, AL 897-2300



**Blessings Of The Season**  
We count your friendship among ours on this joyous occasion. Our very best wishes to all.  
**OK TIRE STORE**  
Kilby Johnson - Claxton Ave. - Elba - 897-2922

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the town of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the City of David, which is called Bethlehem.  
— Luke 2:4

As we celebrate the blessed events surrounding this most joyous occasion, we wish everyone a Christmas filled with love and peace.



**ELBA DAIRY QUEEN**  
Harry Jacobs  
Claxton Ave. Elba - 897-5188

**Peace**  
No other word means so much, to so many throughout the world.  
In the spirit of brotherhood we join people everywhere in praying for freedom from oppression and peace on earth.  
A happy, joyous Noel to all.

**AABON**  
HOME HEALTH CARE SUPPLY, INC.  
417 West Davis St. - Elba, AL - 897-3929

# Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,  
I want a bick for Cremes and a hat and a big doll and a big, big togging doll, and a big, big togging and a test and a wocky doll theat toks and the bick that I ben went for Cremes.  
Love,  
Amber

Dear Santa,  
I would like Scoop Intinow and a ratir.  
Love,  
Shawn

Dear Santa,  
I want a TV and a telephone and a parrot and a surprises.  
Love,  
Robyn

Dear Santa,  
I want a ferick tooth brush and a truck.  
Love,  
Ted

Dear Santa,  
I want a Power Ranger, battery and truck.  
Love,  
Vanna

Dear Santa,  
I want a 3 in 1 arcade and a 3 in 1 pool table and a traplene and a \$1000.  
Steven

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Josh

**Mrs. Sawyer's 1st Grade**

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Caitlyn

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April

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Blake

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Tad Adams

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Lindsey

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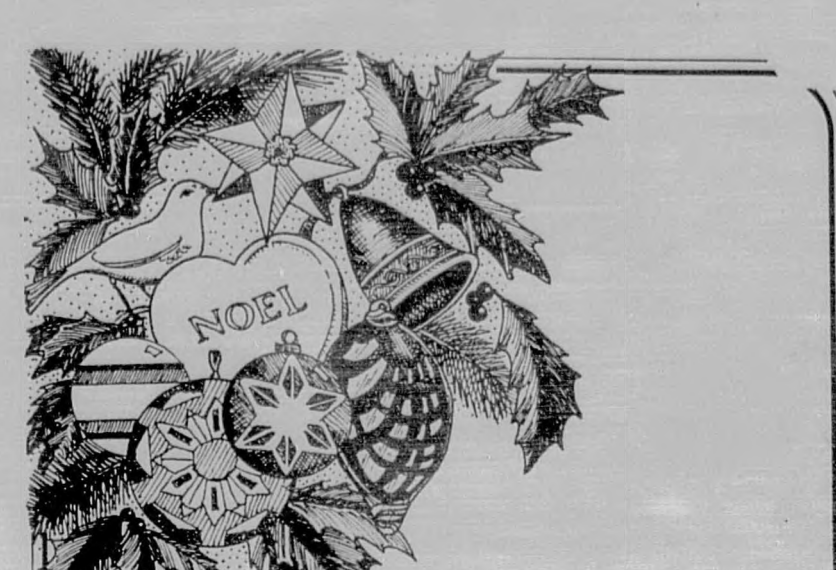
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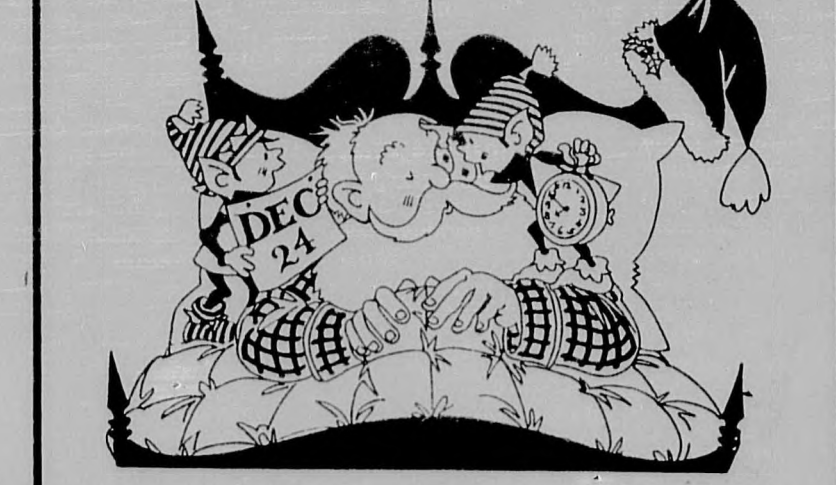
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Ashlie

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**Greetings**  
May you enjoy the biggest, brightest, most beautiful holiday ever!  
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**It's That Time Of Year**



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Jennifer

Dear Santa,  
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Kayla

Dear Santa,  
Boy, good, Christmas. Want presents. Power Ranger.  
Zach

Dear Santa,  
I want Power Ranger, two toy dinosaurs, Suchre Rmshchop, pet, Play-Dw. A weller.

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Adam



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Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want you to come to my house December 25. I want make-up and also make-up case. I want a bike and a ring. Thank you. shoes also clothin for Christmas. I love you Santa.  
Betsy

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a tawrow doll and I want a bunn bed and a computer and a book bag and a school box and a new pair of shoes and a pair of Chrississ socks and a pair of clothes and a VCR, go cart.  
Love,  
Dawn

Dear Santa,  
I wish you would get these things for me. But if I've ben bad you don't haf to. And here they are. Cobobys jacket, Cobobys rug, Cobobys blanket, TV, Sonecs, telfon.  
Drew

Dear Santa,  
I want TV, VCR, and a BB gun. I love you.  
Travis

## Mrs. Whittaker's 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a keyboard and some cowgirl boots and a whetern soot and lots of things.  
Amber Ogburn

Dear Santa,  
I want a biker, I want a skater, I want a puppe, I want a netodey.  
Stacey

Dear Santa,  
I want a woodcaving set, and I want some candy and I want a Barb doll and I want a little stuffed dog and I want a little stuffed cat and I love you very much and I hope you have a Merry Crismus and I hope a Happy New Yers day.  
Freda Kelley

Dear Santa,  
I need a bicycle. I also need new close. And I need a new swing set. And I need some books to read. And I need some new toys like a Barbie doll, a Polly Mocket, and a doll house.  
Kory Farris

Dear Santa,  
I want Power Rangers games, a Tiger Soper Stoker, a wheel plica, and a goot, a iguana, and a rino, and a sea srech, and a renok cerchoo tuck.  
Allen Herrington

Dear Santa,  
I wot a witerdgre. I wot a toy car, toy truck, dot car, toy dinrse, book, football, kushall, basball bat.  
Steven Tatem

Dear Santa,  
I wish that I had a jentjins and I wish I had a computer. Happy Hall-bay.  
Jovan Bass

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppie dog, black and white, and very little. And I want a computer IBM with games. And a kitten that is black and white and playful. And that I can play the pia-no to the best. And I hope I get to see my brother, Authur Jr. Horriaby.  
Sonya Hornsby

Dear Santa,  
I want My Size Barbey and Dremland Baby Boll and a good Chrissmas and a puppy and a tram-plein and Saga and Baby Siter Club book and a stapler and a cat and a Splat game and all A's on my riport card and a Midey Macks.  
Danielle

Dear Santa,  
I want Power gladiators, and fur-gasurs, and tecknozooids. And I also want a bike and a ring. Thank you.  
Tanner Medley

Dear Santa,  
I want a real horse for Christmas. I want a new long dress that goes down to my feet. I want some make-up. And some perfume and I want a teddy bear. I want a doll. And just one more thing, I want some lipstick.  
Dena Howell

Dear Santa,  
I want a Seage games and some roller blades and a dishane and a golden elgel and a ere head and a new bike. Thank you Santa.  
T.J.

Dear Santa,  
I want a college football game and I want a basball game its name is NBA Jam, its a SAEA, and I want a football.  
Lee Roberts

Dear Santa,  
I love you very much. I love toys very much too. I hope you have a Mary Christmas to Christmas is my favrit time of the year. It is a hole of fun. I wish for a little stuffed dog. Santa your the greatest of all you bring toys for all children. You are very nice to all people. Santa I love you and Mrs. Clause too. So Mary Christmas.  
Amanda Hornsby

Dear Santa,  
I want a radio, a faw Power Rangers, and a reuchay and a wait.  
Wesley Scott Tatem

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I would like a lots of surprises.  
Tonya A. Hutchison

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer, a IBM. A kit-ten would do nicely, too. And some disks, for the computer. ALSO plent candy. And Santa, please don't leave your cookies and milk on the back porch! I also want a sweater and 20 dollars in it. I need it hidden. And a jean skirt with a jean top (or shirt).  
Thank you,  
Rheana Deaderick

Dear Santa,  
Santa, wood you please brig me a cat poster and a cat calendar please, and a stuff deer with a red nose, a stuff Ms. Clos. Please brig me a co-pur.  
Stephanie Hearold.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Lion King game for Super tendo and I want the Power Rangers for Super Natendo to. I want Donky Kong for Super Naten-do to. I want a kind of bike that has platix on it. I want a big rander doll that looks like Rodof the red nose rander. I want rodof the red nose Shaw.

Dear Santa,  
I want a snow sitw. Dear Santa I want a wede dress. Dear Santa I want a baby dolls. Dear Santa I want some pupys. Dear Santa I love you.  
Amber

Dear Santa,  
I want a moie con trole car and I want a vipu set. And I want my one computer set.  
Ryan Lugg

Dear Santa,  
I want lipstik! Dear Santa, I want tennis shox, a dress to. And the nightmer and bat oven 2. Peter and ring and.  
Ashley

## Mrs. Strong's 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I would like a real ring, a trampu-len, a computer diry, a disk for my computer, a Uncle Wigly game and two surprice.  
Love,  
Brittney Cotter

Dear Santa,  
I whod like a bick and a truck set wet a prater carr set.  
Love,  
David Allin Gilmore

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year is a Ta-coodles doll, Talkin Simba and a Twirl 'N Dance Barbie. A beafut beads, Twist 'N Tiffany. Super NES. Sincerely,  
Kelly Griffin

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Suppemes, Game Boy, games, small sized motorcycle, hunting boots. And we don't have a chiminey.  
Seserly,  
Devin Bell

Dear Santa,  
I want a My Size Barbie and a Barbie that does split and back-wards flips. And I want a Barbie that glose in the dark. And I want a tea set with real tea and real tea cups to. And I want a puppy for Chrissmas. And a Pink Power Ranger suit. And I want gyms Barbie. And a Barbie that can talk almost two hundred words. And I want a pony for Christ-mas. And I want a kitten a gray and white kitten. That obey me. And one more thing I left you milk and cook-ies. P.S. I love you.  
Lakira Hall

Dear Santa,  
I would like a gocar. And a four-weler and a new basball bat. And a new meacutur car plus a new gun and a twenty four carot gold neck-lace.  
Sencerly,  
Mitch Downing

Dear Santa,  
I want a new bike. I want a ca-sio. I want a new school bag. I want a bowenrow. I want a new bed.  
Your friend, Jimmy Cordle

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bear, some cloth-ers, a puppy, a bird, some ear rings, a traplmuery, a fish, some swates, a rabbit, I want a trampimuery, a cat, some dolls, a ring. I will have some cookies and some milk. I want you to please taste to bring me a ring for Chrissmas. A sister too.  
Love,  
Carrie Manson

Dear Santa,  
I love you very much. I don't care if you don't give me anything. I want a 4-10, 4-10 bullets, car track, little toys all I really want is a 4-10. I will try leave you something diffrent this year. I'll be sure to put my Christmas tree up. I'll leave you a peace of paper that you can sign our name on. If you don't thats ok. P.S. I'll leave you some milk and cokeis and I love Chrissmas.  
Love,  
Layton Griffin

To: Santa C.  
I want a Super Nitido and a bas-keball kort, a bike lock and a bigger TV. A computer and two packs of disks. A modle car and truck. A drum set and a paint set. A remot-control hellacopter.  
From: Chris McLendon

Dear Santa,  
This year I will leave you milk and cookies. I want an Ultramar. I want a Super Soaker 2,000. I want a Super NES.  
Your friend,  
Thomas Harbs

Dear Santa,  
This Chrissmas I hope I been good. I really believe in you now. This time I'll leave you homemade cookies and some good and cold chcolate milk. I would like you to have a little bit of stuff. This Chris-mas I hope I really don't have to wake up in the hospitile like last year. This time I wish I could have a big tent like I have last year. I'll try to go to sleep where you can give me my big stuff.  
Love,  
Brittany Cooper

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll for Christmas and a doll house and I want a swimming pool for Christmas and a panit sat for Christmas and a ring and bick for Christmas and a roaid for Christmas.  
Love,  
Angelita Cordle

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a cordless telephone. I would like to have a blue four wheeler. I would like to have my own room. I would like a ham-sicr really, really bad. I hope my whole family has a good Chrissmas. Santa there is a snack on the table.  
Love,  
Heather Renee Carrol

Dear Santa,  
I can't lie I've been very bad and good. Well I've been some of both. I want a computer and a 4-wheeler and a 410. If you can't get any of these than try to get me a Sega-CD. P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Your friend,  
Bryan Allums

Dear Santa,  
Hear is a list of things I want. A drum set. A bee bee gun. Modum-comitak 2. An a shot gun. Aubran-hat. I will level cookie. An milk.  
Love,  
Donnell Foster

Dear Santa,  
I have been good and thank you for the presents that you gave me and I a good time.  
Love,  
Lance Wood

Dear Santa,  
I would like a train set, a toy truck, a shot gun, and a pet cat, a candy cane, and a toy dinosurs, and a Corvette, and a soccer ball, and a baseball and a Auburn cap.  
Sinterly,  
Brandon Pynes

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I would like a Suppemes, Game Boy, games, small sized motorcycle, hunting boots. And we don't have a chiminey.  
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Lakira Hall

Dear Santa,  
I am a good boy. I want a go-kart. And a helmet and I want a few sur-prizes. Thank you.  
Love,  
Tommy

Dear Santa,  
Will you get me a goul, a gote car, a toy car, a mock trov rash car that gos 200 miols.  
Justin Thomas

Dear Santa,  
I know there are a lot of needy people in the world. I know you are very busy too. So just bring the fol-lowing things car rings, bracealet, neckoles, make-up, clothes, and stuff like that.  
P.S. Can you fix my radio? Look for cookies and milk.  
Aliecia

Dear Santa,  
I want a trahlen and some clothes and jery and milk. I want to be real I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I will to. How are you. I am fine. I hope you are. Get your stuff ready Boy be careful. Tell your wife hi for me. Shane is 4 and he is my brother. He is ready for you. Well better go.  
Love,  
Brittney Griswold

Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring me a hand held game and a pair of shoes and a loop and Splash Set and a Super Nidoe game called Donkey Kong Com-eery. And a Game Gear and some clothes and a udru loop and rap. And I love you and I will leave some cookies and milk.  
Andrew

Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring me a Rico-chet, a Sega with four games, a Don-key Kong Country game for my Su-per NES, a go-kart, a four wheeler, a Game Gear with the game The Lion King.  
Sencerly,  
Joshua

Dear Santa,  
These are the things that I want from you. I want a bike, a bedroom suit. And five lead pencils and 3 packs of lead 07MM. I want some clothes and some shoes and socks and some under pants.  
From,  
Ashley Cooper

Ms. Nolin's 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,  
You are a very nice man and you are nice to Rodof he is nice to all the others reindeas. They are nice to and tell you wife she is nice to and all the elifs they are nice and Santa you are the best in the world.  
Love,  
Donnie Adkison

Dear Santa,  
I want Saga Gennes, a pool, ping pong, and air honkey set. The new game of Jond Madden 95 football game. I want K'Nex. I want set of marbels. I want a Steven Cures Elapmen up. A book of the Power Rangers. I want the aracy games from Fisher Price. I want the eck-ter set. I want a stack of cards.  
P.S. I beleive in you.  
Love,  
Channon Stuckey

Dear Santa,  
I want to hockey sticks, a puck, and some roller blades, a hockey goal, a hockey helmet, eight hockey pads, a pair of ice skates, a pair of snea-ers. I want it to snow and I want ice to be on the ground. I want to be happy.  
From,  
Garret Roberts

Dear Santa,  
I would like a game for my Mendo and a book of a difend laglig. And a big stlofted frog.  
Love,  
Russell Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a four weeler for Crims and a TV. VCR.  
Love,  
Jonathan Bryant

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Chrissmas I want a Super Noido game, basket ball goli, and a being bag chair. The end.  
Love,  
Jered Bell

Dear Santa,  
I hope you get hear on time. Then I will get up and get my toy pydion. Then I will drive it every where. Then I will get my Triple Wheels and have a ball. That day I will play Power Rangers. O I hope you make it snow.  
Yours truly,  
Brian Taylor

Dear Santa,  
For Chrissmas I want a four-wheeler game and a fun Game Boy game and a Game Gear game. The last thing I want is the game called Operation. The End.  
Sincerly,  
Tyler Simmons

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Chrissmas is a compomer, boots, Bible, Dance and a sister, a sister, a brother, a Thunderzord, and a cat. The end.  
Love,  
Jessica Ogburn

Dear Santa,  
I want a go cart. I want a horse and a dog, a bele gun, a plane, a happy family, a sister, a brother, a Thunderzord, and a cat. The end.  
Love,  
Todd Horstead

Dear Santa,  
I want a big dollhouse. And Mall Madness game and a fun Game Boy game and a Game Gear game.  
From,  
Paige Grizzard

Dear Santa,  
I want a helicopter, orange vest, hunting booties, candy canes, candy, surprise caris, Indan suit, hunting gloves.  
Love,  
Aaron Cotter

Dear Santa,  
I love Crissmas. Because is Jesus-es birthday. Any way Crissmas is so much to me. What I want for Cris-mas is my two front tooth, boots, make-up, some more real rings, neckless, brasslet, earrings, Baby Boy stuffed animals, my two bottom front teeth and I want a little more to be a teacher. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Nina West

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

The spirit is building and we'd like to say, hope your season is made for you in every way. Thank you for choosing us.

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## A look back at the events of 1994 as 1995 approaches

Where has this year gone? As we bid farewell to 1994 and prepare to begin a new year, it is fitting that we pause and briefly reflect on the past. The following excerpts were taken from news items as they were reported on the front pages of *The Elba Clipper* during the past year.

### JANUARY

**January 6** - The Elba Housing Authority, along with Authorities from Enterprise, Ozark, Troy and Dothan, has formed a coalition and have purchased the latest drug detection equipment. This detection system is known as an IONSCAN. New video camera presented (picture) - The Elba Police Department was recently presented a new surveillance video camera by Dorsey Trailers.

**January 13** - Front page headlines: Elba City Council into new year but old problems tag along; Elba Utility Department operating within last year's margin; New tax collection system for New Brockton; Howard Lee enters county sheriff's race; Boyd Hartzog announces candidacy for sheriff on Republican ticket.

**January 20** - Elba's Evergreen Cemetery receives \$100,000 donation - The City of Elba owned Evergreen Cemetery received a check for \$100,000 from the City of Elba. The donation was for the purchase of a new monument for the late Sheriff Brice Paul.

**January 27** - City council cannot agree on counter offer to (Ricky) Mularz; Ronnie Whitworth announces candidacy for Sheriff of Coffee County; Near the end of the morning session of the Coffee County Commission meeting, Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel proposed a straw vote on the courthouse issue (picture) Man dies in one-vehicle wreck; Jeffery Scott Costner, 29, of Route 1, Arion, AL, lost his life when his Chevrolet S-10 pickup left the roadway and landed in a ravine.

**February 3** - Coach Bryant Steele honored by NBHS - (picture) Coach Steele coached his first year of basketball in New Brockton during the 1960-61 school year (picture) A new Jaycee Chapter was recently organized in Elba; Judge Marion Brunson sworn in as president of Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

**February 10** - Front page headlines - Audit report reveals Town of New Brockton financially sound; Holley (Dwight) will enter sheriff's race; Law enforcement loses dedicated officer (Gordon Luck - former New Brockton Chief of Police); Special grand jury returns no indictment in [Enterprise] hostage shooting.

**February 17** - Headlines - Elba City Council faces strong opposition to occupational tax; City offers Mularz \$27,500 and job; Jim Weatherford announces candidacy for circuit judge; Butts continues in race for seat on the Alabama Supreme Court; Ben Moates enters race for sheriff; Coffee County Board of Education members hear parent's complaint.

**February 24** - The Elba City School Board has approved two changes to policies. One is a board policy dealing with requirements for admission to Elba schools and the second is a code of conduct and discipline plan for the elementary school; Dwight Adams seeks state senate seat; Steve Blair enters race for district judge; Shooting incident in Mulberry.

**February 28** - Council hits Mayor Haywood with restraining order - the temporary restraining order will be in effect until a final hearing is held.

Heights sends four individuals to local hospital.

### MARCH

**March 3** - The Elba City Council approves the sale of five acres of land to Cash Brothers Leasing. Thomas E. Head announces candidacy for circuit judge; Gary Watson announces candidacy for probate judge; Wendell (Buddy) Ammons to make bid for sheriff's office in June; Howard Lee out of sheriff's race; Elba officials don't reach settlement in federal lawsuits.

**March 10** - In a surprise announcement Monday evening, State Representative Jimmy Holley, of Elba, said he will not be seeking a sixth term in the Alabama Legislature; Enterprise police have arrested the former police chief of New Brockton, Richard Lee Nichols, in the connection with the theft of \$50,000.00; Marion Brunson to seek 3rd term as Coffee County's probate judge; Boyd Hartzog announces candidacy for sheriff on Republican ticket.

**March 17** - Mayor and council disagree over check signing. An ordinance was approved by the council requiring all purchase orders and checks to be signed by the mayor or clerk, and one of two city council members; Wes Laird kicks off state senate campaign; Charlie Walker enters race for state representative; A tornado or down burst of wind was the question authorities were trying to determine early Thursday morning (March 10).

**March 24** - Elba man's body found in field along side AL Hwy. 87S. The Alabama Department of Forensic Science identified the body as being that of Jackie Morris, age 39, of Elba; Larry Lee enters race for state senate; Elba W & E Board proceeds with Hwy. 125 water project; School board adopts disease policy; Police arrest Elba juvenile on drug charges.

**March 31** - Brice Paul resigns office - Effective, May 1, 1994 at 12:01 a.m., Brice Paul will no longer be sheriff of Coffee County; Terry Spicer seeks House seat; Terry Ellis enters Senate race; Elba City Council hears cost cutting measures; County commission wants fence removed from road.

### APRIL

**April 7** - Mickey Murdock, Chairman of the Elba Water and Electric Board for the past several years, submitted his resignation last week. It is effective Friday, April 8th; Elba joins area towns in relief effort for Piedmont; Elba prepares for Band Day '94; Political season is upon us - picture of numerous political signs along side the road.

**April 14** - New Pizza Hut officially opens doors (picture of ribbon cutting ceremony with local dignitaries and beauty queens joining Pizza Hut officials in cutting the ribbon); Elba City School System receives good marks from accreditation committee; Medical Center Enterprise changing hands in four-hospital trade off.

**April 21** - Headlines - Mayor Haywood nixes sales tax increase; Gladys Yelverton to head Elba W & E Board; Mark Pool named Engineer of the Year by his peers; Shooting in Mulberry Community leaves Dale County man (Maret) Clifford Brooks, age 28, dead; Gov. Folsom appoints Mickey Counts as Interim Sheriff of Coffee County.

**April 28** - Council hits Mayor Haywood with restraining order - the temporary restraining order will be in effect until a final hearing is held.

at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, April 29th; Kirk Donaldson in House race; Wet-dry petition presented to Elba City Council; Dorsey Trailers expanding; Kinston prepares for festival.

### MAY

**May 5** - Headlines - City council certifies wet-dry petition - vote set for June 7th; Friday's hearing on restraining order against Mayor Haywood unnecessary; Counts sworn in as sheriff Monday; County work release prisoners don't like jail; Tom Greene enters Rep's race; Garrett Moore runs for House seat; Masked, bandit armed with shotgun robs convenience store.

**May 12** - Vester Cole Day Saturday, May 21, 1994; Harry Carl Brown enters school board race; County commission approves expenditures over \$315,000; Minutes of no-quorum meeting approved by council (Elba City Council); Yelverton presides over first W & E Board meeting; May 8 - 14 proclaimed National Nursing Home Week by Mayor Haywood.

**May 19** - (Picture) Jimmy Holley appreciation was held Sunday afternoon at the Elba High School. State Representative Holley is retiring from the political arena after 20 years of public service; Families living near the new landfill sue county; Captain A. G. "Gaston" Tew new state trooper stop commander.

**May 26** - Courthouse topic of commission's discussion - Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel presented commissioners with a preliminary proposal for bringing both courthouses, Elba and Enterprise, into compliance with the Americans with Disability Act; Buck's Mill Creek Road open to traffic, once again; Two brothers shot by cousin in Northern coffee County.

### JUNE

**June 2** - Women veterans honored Saturday at Elba's Veterans Memorial Park; Enterprise men indicted for murder of an Enterprise restaurant manager; Elba High School receives \$2,500 from Alabama Power; Youngsters find marijuana in Belharry Community; Elba's mayor indicted by grand jury; Opp man, Willie Earl Lawrence, 34, arrested in Elba drug bust.

**June 9** - Sheriff's race attracts the most voters. Democratic voters numbered 9,304 while Republican voters in Coffee County cast 1,016 votes. No indication of wrong doing in the spending of FEMA funds; Elba to remain "dry" by vote of the people; Dorsey Trailers to offer 1.8 million shares of common stock to public; Southland Foods sells to New York Company for undisclosed amount.

**June 16** - Elba City council approves additional 1¢ sales tax; Court rules against Mayor Haywood; Judge Terry Butts wins Democratic nomination for seat on the Alabama Supreme Court; Tie vote in county school board race broken by Coffee County Democratic party Chairman Bill Stokes - Harrell Carroll declared party's nomination.

**June 23** - Cost of city water (Elba) may increase; Voters must return to polls June 28; Marsha Oggs named to fill counselor's position; Bill Gammill announces candidacy for Probate Judge of Coffee County; Haywood's arraignment set for today; Flood control topic of discussion (picture) at meeting of Choctawhatchee-Pea Rivers Watershed Management Authority.

**June 30** - Kleinert's celebrates 125 years of operation - 25 years in Elba; Primary run-off elections now histo-

ry - Ben Moates is the Democratic nominee for sheriff, Terry Spicer is the Democratic nominee for State Representative, and Terry Ellis is the Democratic nominee for State Senate; Commission closer to Enterprise Adult Day Care Center.

### JULY

**July 7** - New Brockton applies for \$11,729.40 grant to be used in updating the town's ordinances; Patrick Morris joined the Coffee County Sheriff's Department as an investigator; Elba students score high on SAT; fourth graders score highest in entire state; Contract awarded on U.S. Hwy. 84E and AL Hwy. 189N; Special Council and W&E Board meetings called.

**July 14** - Elba residents battle Pea River's flood waters again. On July 7, between 7:30 a.m. and 8:55 a.m., Pea River crested at 38.15 feet in Elba. Flood stage is at 30 feet; Dam age heavy but not as great as March '90 Flood; Coffee County Commission focuses on Flood of 1994; A picture on front page shows flood gates being installed in the levee at the Whitewater Bridge on Smith Avenue and another picture shows flood waters completely covering Smith Avenue on the other side of the bridge.

**July 21** - Elba City Council in closed door session - to discuss matter involving the police department; Damage suits (caused by flood waters) to county roads exceed 2,000; Unrest exists in New Brockton's police department; Enterprise man (Ronald Talmadge Henderson, age 30) murdered; FEMA gives disaster assistance up-date.

**July 28** - Elba Police Chief (Jack Parker) withdraws resignation - the chief had suddenly resigned last Friday; Council (Elba City Council) discusses water, drainage, and law suits; Former mascot at West Point enjoys southern style retirement (picture of Dr. Kenneth Strong); Buckshot (an army mule), retired Army mascot; Landfill Water Project contract awarded.

### AUGUST

**August 4** - Headlines - New Brockton citizen lodges complaint against police officer. Council goes behind closed doors to discuss two of town's employees; Lloyd McCammon seeking District Judgeship; City of Elba facing financial crisis. Charts show the city with a \$119,894.50 shortfall of operating income. Special council meeting of ters no solution.

**August 11** - Elba City Council borrows \$125,000 to fund day-to-day operations. The council also adopted a paid funeral leave policy for city employees; Rotary's District Governor (Ken Washburn) visits local club; Restoration of Elba's power dam a slow process; County's recovery (Flood of '94) to take time and money.

**August 20** - W & E Board chairman expresses concern about board's stability during work session; Elba School Board wrestles with budget; Cave-in in Enterprise kills one man and injures another. Killed was Thomas Davidson, 29, of Tennessee and the injured man was identified as Dan Robke, 34, of Enterprise; New Brockton police officer, Harry Laird, arrested and charged with criminal trespassing; Christine spill in Elba injures five - five residences evacuated.

**August 25** - City of Elba - Mularz lawsuit settled at a cost of \$60,000 plus; Elba Police Chief Jack Parker granted medical leave; Zion Chapel

has a new principal - Dr. Linda Ingram; County commission awards bid for cell two at landfill; Coffee County Sheriff's deputies eradicate 1,000 marijuana plants.

### SEPTEMBER

**September 1** - Coffee County BOE approves 8.5% pay increase; Officer Harry Laird (a New Brockton police officer) pleads not guilty to criminal trespassing charge; Special meeting of the Elba City School Board focuses on finances; Elba Police Department breaks up small scale forgering; Spicer urges consideration of ESIC's value.

**September 8** - Commissioner Sid A. Averett gone but not forgotten. Averett died at his home in Enterprise on Wednesday, August 31, 1994, after an extended illness; James Simmons settles lawsuit with City of Elba; County agencies receive FEMA checks; City of Elba seeks bids on two new police cars; Sabbing in Elba results in one man's arrest and another seriously injured.

**September 15** - Elba City Council balks on payment of attorney fees; Council members review proposed 1994-95 budget of \$1,961,450.00; New Brockton honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Last Thursday afternoon, Alabama Governor Jim Folsom paid a visit to Elba (picture); County commission remembers Abert.

**September 22** - FEMA's final '90 audit costs city (Elba) \$30,000; Sheriff's investigators break up burglary ring; Elba's BOE tables action on expelling students - 8.5% pay raise to cost approximately \$20,000 annually; Police arrest four Opp men in John Wilson murder case (Wilson was the father of Chris Head, wife of District Judge Thomas Head).

**September 29** - Elba City Council adopts \$2,000,000.00 budget; Council says "no" to District Attorney's demand for drug money; Coffee County Commission approves \$6 million budget; Talk One System demonstrated to Elba's school board members; Local Lions recognized for service (picture).

### OCTOBER

**October 6** - Things beginning to look up for the Town of New Brockton; Sheriff seizes \$12,000.00 marijuana crop; Enterprise grand jury clears New Brockton police officer (Harry Laird); Elba City School Board adopts \$4.9 million budget; Farm-City Week Committee looking for winner; A three-vehicle south of Elba on AL Hwy. 87 injured three persons.

**October 13** - Headlines - Elba City Council likes to table matters; Council members refuse to divert school's portion of 2¢ gasoline tax; Commission recognizes the late Sid A. Averett; County EMA looks into buy-out program; New Brockton receives \$4,000 grant to preserve town's permanent records.

**October 20** - Elba Citizens voice opposition to rezoning - area residents already experiencing problems; Elba W & E Board rejects waterline bid; Checkpoints target drunken drivers on Alabama roadways; Dorsey announces third quarter earnings; Little Miss Elba Anna Marie Harrison (picture); IRS looking for taxpayers; AEC plans to lower Gantt Lake.

**October 27** - Elba City Council handles one touchy subject - A rezoning question which has upset a number of these individuals involved on either side of the issue were presented to the council for a decision; Elba City Council votes to borrow \$15,000.00; V.O.C.A.L. (Victims Of

Crime And Leniency) Chapter organized in Elba (picture); Daylight Savings Time ends Saturday night, October 29th; Miss Elba Robyn Rhoades (picture).

### NOVEMBER

**November 3** - Grand jury indicts Elba man (Timothy Ferrell Edge, 37) for murder - Edge allegedly shot and killed Billy Clifton Whitehead, 32, also of Elba; Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Dedication Ceremony (picture); The ceremony took place in the Town of New Brockton; DA endorses crime victims' amendment; Food stamps allotments increase; Elba police arrest quartet in country club burglary.

**November 10** - General Election results for Coffee County - Fob James Alabama's new governor, Ben Moates elected sheriff, Bill Gammill new probate judge, Tom Head elected circuit judge, and Steve Blair is new district judge; County BOE adopts drug screening policy; Elba water rates to increase for all on January 1st.

**November 17** - Headlines - District Attorney will have to sue up according to High Court Rules; Coffee County BOE hears concerned parents; Commission purchases health department transportation; Elections close and results unclear to voters of Alabama; Council (Elba) balks once again on payment of attorney's fees - won't pay for duplicate services.

**November 24** - Fire destroys county landmark. Old Stephens Store located on Co. Rd. 547, in the Damascus Community, was destroyed by fire on Monday morning, November 21. There had been a store at that location for the past 100 years; Elba BOE votes to borrow \$300,000; Farm-City celebration a success;

### DECEMBER

**December 1** - Headlines - Mayor (Haywood) and DA (Folmar) disagree on terminology concerning the prosecution of city cases in district court; Judge (Terry) Butts orders special jury term of circuit court to try criminal cases; Voters remain in the dark on absentee votes; Mayor proclaims Home Care Week in Elba (picture); Hilltop cabin destroyed by fire (picture). The cabin belonged to Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Strong.

**December 8** - Owen Ziglar's second trial ends in hung jury - Ziglar was originally charged with murder in the January 30, 1990 shooting death of Edward Lamar Kelley, 56, of Elba; Jury finds (Joseph Dwight) Creel guilty of a misdemeanor; Hearings held on the four laming of Highway 84; Elba Christmas Festival 1994 set for Saturday, December 10th on the square.

**December 15** - Coffee Commission recognizes Marion Sanders. Sanders has served as a district supervisor for the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District since May 1959; Clark resigns as EHS principal - Elba High School Principal Charles Clark has resigned his position for health reasons, effective January 1st.

**December 22** - This was the Christmas issue of *The Elba Clipper*. The front page of the paper, as is tradition, featured Elba's Christmas Family. For 1994, the Robert Curran Family was selected. Pictured were: Robbie and his wife Debbie and their three sons - Matthew, Merrill, and Jason.

**December 29** - The front page of this issue of *The Elba Clipper* recorded brief excerpts of events as they occurred and were recorded on the front pages.

Happy New Year!